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School days are the happiest days of your life and to prove it, Romilly Old Boys' reunions always draw a good number of former pupils and staff. The latest reunion was held on Friday, April 8. For more images, go to pages 20 and 21.

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New chief executive named at Ty Hafan

TY HAFAN'S recently appointed chief executive, Kate Phipps, has described how privileged she feels to be leading the charity as it enters a dynamic new phase.

With 15 years' senior management experience, Kate joins Ty Hafan from John Taylor Hospice in Birmingham where she led their successful journey out of NHS ownership to become a gold standard not-for-profit social enterprise.

Now in her third week at Ty Hafan, Kate said: "Everyone I have met, in whatever they do, has conveyed their passion and commitment to the children and families we support. Ty Hafan has a huge heart, a tremendous team spirit and it's a privilege to be appointed CEO."

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Kate Phipps.

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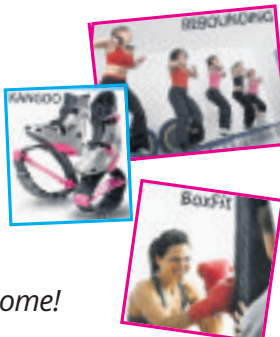
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'MPs must listen to House of Lords'

EARLIER this year, I wrote about the outrageous attack on democracy contained in the Trade Union Bill, calling on the Government to drop their unfair proposals.

Now the House of Lords has debated the Bill, and the Government were defeated, three times on key parts of the Bill.

Peers have sent a clear message that the Government has got it wrong and should think again.

Even with the Lords' improvements, the Trade

Union Bill remains both an attack on democracy, loading the dice in the Tories' favour, and an attack on working people's voice at work, changing the balance of power in the workplace.

Now the Bill heads back to the Commons, it is over to our Members of Parliament once again.

I urge them to listen to the House of Lords, and vote to keep their amendments in place.

And I can only hope the Government takes the opportunity, before it is too late, to drop the whole sorry mess.

Robert Morgan, Barry Island.

'The Eurozone condemns EU'

WE are urged to be Breainers for our economic good.

Some unemployment statistics in the paper today are: UK 5.1 per cent; USA 4.9 per cent; Japan 3.3 per cent; Eurozone 10.3 per cent.

Perhaps the Eurozone would like to join us in leaving itself.

R Bradshaw, Cowbridge.

Incinerator: THE BATTLE GOES ON

THE next meeting of Barry and Vale Friends of the Earth will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday, May 3, in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry.

Following April's successful meeting, the group vowed to continue opposition to the proposals for an incinerator and ash dump on Barry's docks. We would like to thank those who have given their support to the campaign so far, both physically and financially.

Through various channels, including Natural Resources Wales and our legal case, Barry and Vale FoE will continue to

argue that such developments will be damaging to the environment and people's health. We have, quite recently, received some advice from an expert in the fields of health and air quality in the area and the figures are not reassuring.

These proposals are not what Barry needs at this time of renewal in so many parts of the town, yet Vale councillors, Assembly Members and even our new Secretary of State, seem impotent in the face of industrialists who have no concern for our environments and building on our green fields.

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Dementia charity's SOS for trustees

CCROSSROADS Care in the Vale, a Penarth-based charity that has provided support for people with dementia and their family carers for the past 29 years, is desperate for trustees.

The charity was established in 1987 and is the only specialist Crossroads scheme in the UK to exclusively provide support for family carers who look after an individual with dementia.

The scheme provides a range of support in the town and across the Vale of Glamorgan – including domiciliary care, a day centre in Barry, social

groups, a professional counselling service and carers' support groups.

Like so many charities, Crossroads faces increased demand at a time of financial cuts and the five strong members of the board are keen to attract new trustees with experience in the areas of finance, human resources, marketing and fundraising.

Gwen Phillips, chair of the board and Director of Neuropsychiatry with Cardiff and the Vale University Health Board, explains: "Our board works closely and has a wide range of professional and caring experience, but as we face increased challenges we would welcome new members."

"There is a code of governance which includes integrity and accountability and the role has similar responsibility to that of a company director. Most important is a passion to help us plan for the future, improving the lives of family carers and those with dementia."

The board holds an evening meeting, lasting approximately two hours, once a month in Penarth and the post is voluntary. Training is available. Staff interviews and other HR issues form part of the areas covered by the role.

For further information please contact the Scheme Manager (CEO) on 02920 700057 option 5; email business@crossroads-vale.org.uk or write to Crossroads Care, West House, Stanwell Road, Penarth CF64 2YG for an application form. Further details about the scheme can be found at: www.crossroads-vale.org.uk.

Sue Phillips, Penarth, Crossroads Care in the Vale.

Barry Sorooptimists are thanked for their support

MAY I through the pages of your paper, thank all the ladies of Barry Sorooptimists who recently organised a cheese and wine evening and concert in the Parish Hall, Dinas Powys and donated the proceeds to ValePlus.

A cheque for £830 was recently presented to ValePlus director, Steve Thomas, and some of the members of the charity which will be used to help raise funds for a new minibus.

The charity, which provides lifelong learning and leisure opportunities for people

with a learning disability in the Vale and Cardiff has recently started a fund raising campaign to replace its bus which is used for educational visits and leisure trips.

The appeal currently stands at £12,500 with a target of £26,000, and we are all grateful for all the hard work undertaken by the Sorooptimists for organising such a wonderful evening and then giving us the proceeds.

The entertainment on the night was provided by Canton Male Voice Choir who were well received.

Our thanks also go to them for donating an additional £100 towards our appeal. **Steve Thomas, ValePlus.**

Celebrate the Queen's service with church bells

ON Sunday, June 12, the Patron's Lunch will be an iconic event recognising the unrelenting support and service our monarch has given to the community over her 63-year reign.

And it is this commitment to helping others that is cause for a national and Commonwealth-wide celebration, with the very people she has helped over the decades being at the centre of this event.

The church wants

parishes across the country to host their own celebrations and community events.

So I ask for the following: From 10am on Sunday, June 12 call all the churches in the Vale ring a celebratory peal of their bells, please?

This will make a tremendous, and pleasant, auditory celebration across the entire Vale. People will listen and will know what the sound means. I leave the peal to you bell ringers, but I hope this request can be met.

Thank you in advance. **Charles Allen, Llantwit Major.**

'Research needed into potholes'

THE main problem with recurring potholes is caused by the repairs. When a pothole is filled in, the repair tarmac is left higher than the surrounding road surface. I think the theory is that it will settle.

What happens in practice is that the traffic

forces the excess tarmac downwards and breaks the edges of the original hole making another pothole.

The repair to this hole does exactly the same thing so we end up with more repairs than original road surface.

I think more research into pothole repairs is needed, or, better still, resurface the whole road.

D Andrews, Boverton.

WALK FOR LIFE SAYS THANK YOU

MAY we, through your newspaper, thank Morrisons supermarket for all their help and support for this year's Kidney Wales Foundation, Walk For Life, which supports research into kidney disease and promotes organ donation.

Holly Baxter, the community champion at Morrisons, provided water and healthy snacks to sustain the walkers on their way and ensured we had everything we needed.

Many thanks, Morrisons! **Gaynor Taylor, and Jane and Dave Maggs.**

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL MAY 5)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
28 Thur	10.47	8.6	23.09	8.5
29 Fri	11.29	8.2		
30 Sat	00.06	7.8	12.39	7.9
01 Sun	01.18	7.8	13.59	7.9
02 Mon	02.41	8.0	15.21	8.2
03 Tues	03.53	8.5	16.29	8.6
04 Wed	04.57	9.2	17.27	9.3
05 Thur	05.55	9.8	18.16	9.9

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Barry Island welcomes open top bus service

THE Vale Council's resort management team were joined recently by a number of traders to welcome Barry Island's latest addition – an open top bus service.

The new commercial service, to be provided by Harton Coaches, will take visitors to the popular resort between Barry town centre, Barry Waterfront, the Knap, and of course Barry Island. The service will run on weekends and bank holiday Mondays throughout the summer season from Monday, May 2.

Emma Reed, the head of visible services and transport, said: "The Vale Council is delighted to welcome this latest venture to

Barry Island.

"This fun new B99 service will not only add to the many attractions the resort already has to offer, it will also provide yet another public transport link to the Island."

Mark Harris, managing director of Harton Coaches, explained: "The opportunity to bring an open top bus service back to Barry Island was one that was simply too good to let slip."

"The B99 will offer a fun but practical way of travelling to the Island and will offer a very affordable option to families."

"Everyone you speak to says that the resort is well on its way to becoming more popular than ever. Hopefully, the new service will play a



role in bringing more visitors than ever to Barry Island in 2016."

The year 2015 saw an estimated 360,000 people visit Barry Island, generating a total economic impact of £12.7 million.

The timetable for the new service is available at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

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New chief executive named at Ty Hafan

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She explained: "Ty Hafan enables life-limited children, young people and their families to embrace all that life has to offer in circumstances that are the most trying. At Ty Hafan, our job is to make that a little easier."

Signalling her passion for fundraising, Kate will be taking part in Ty Hafan's Barry Rainbow Run on May 7 alongside 1,200 other participants.

She said: "I am inspired by the support for Ty Hafan from the people of Wales and am looking forward to joining some of our incredible supporters at the Rainbow Run."

The chairperson of Ty Hafan, Maria Timon Samra, said: "It is a busy time at Ty Hafan with increasing demand for our services and I am confident the charity will go from strength-to-strength under her leadership."

For more information, visit www.tyhafan.org.

Romilly Old Boys say thank you to Glamorgan GEM



Alan Kingdon, and cake-maker extraordinaire Barbara Sliwinska presented a 'Romilly Old Boys' cake to Jan Irving (left) of The Glamorgan GEM newspaper as a 'thank you' for publicising the recent reunion. Alan said: "It proved a great night!" For images of the event, turn to pages 20 and 21.



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Shish Tikka (New)£3.95
Marinated breast chicken grilled with onions, peppers and tomatoes in a clay oven, served on wooden skewers.
Jhal Puree Chicken (New)£3.50
Small diced marinated chicken cooked with a spicy naga chat masala and served with a thin crust paratha.
Shish Paneer (v) (New)£3.75
Indian soft cheese marinated then grilled with onions, peppers and tomatoes in a clay oven, served on wooden skewers.
King Prawn Delight (New)£4.75
Fresh king prawns cooked with a fiery combination of chillies, roasted garlic and lemon. Served with a thin crust paratha.
Spicy Tikka Strips£3.50
Chicken tikka strips coated in chef special spicy batter then deep fried. Served with Spicy Dip.
Chilli Paneer (v)£2.85
Cubes of Indian cheese (paneer) spiced with green chillies, garlic and ginger.
Royal Platter (for 2)£5.95
All time classics of onion bhaji, samosas, chicken pakora & sheek kebab.
CHEF SPECIALS
Bengal Khazana£8.50
Slightly hot Chicken tikka, Lamb Tikka and King prawns cooked with onions, tomatoes, capsicum, green chillies, fresh garlic and chef special mix spice. Highly Recommended
Barburchi Khana£7.95
A Master Chef curry comprising of chicken, lamb and prawn, slightly hot using chef's secret spices and fresh garlic, ginger and coriander.

Masala-E-Bahar£6.85
Chicken tikka, lamb tikka and sheek kebab cooked in a speciality bhuna masala sauce.
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Chicken tikka cooked with spinach, chick peas, potato & garlic with a hint of chef's unique ground spices.
BALTI DISHES
Balti dishes are medium cooked in chef's special spices with onions and peppers.
Tropical Balti£6.95
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Chicken Balti£5.50
Chicken Tikka Balti£5.95
Lamb Balti£5.95
Prawn Balti£6.25
King Prawn Balti£8.25
Vegetable Balti£4.95
CHICKEN DISHES (100% FRESH)
Royal Balti Special£7.95
Grilled chicken breast stuffed with minced lamb cooked in fresh garlic and chilli sauce with caramelized onions. Served with nan.
Garlic Chicken Tikka Masala£6.50
Chicken marinated in garlic and spices then mixed in a creamy garlic sauce.
Chicken Pathalia£6.20
Chicken prepared with very special herbs & spices, ground with coriander, mint, garlic & yoghurt.
Nilgiri Chicken (New)£6.75
Slices of marinated chicken cooked with mince lamb, fresh garlic, ginger and coriander all simmered in a tomato based sauce.
Jaipuri Chicken Tikka£6.50
Tender pieces of chicken grilled in the clay oven and cooked with fried mushrooms, fried onions and fried capsicums with fresh spices in a thick sauce. Highly recommended.

Garlic Chilli Kholapuri Chicken£6.30
Hot and spicy chicken dish prepared with whole garlic, turmeric, cumin, coriander and green chillies.
South Indian Mint & Mustard£6.50
A New exotic flavour cooked with fresh chicken breast, natural fresh herbs, fresh garden mint, English mustard then simmered with natural fresh yoghurt.
Royal Goan Chicken£6.50
A hot and spicy dish cooked with marinated chicken simmered with fresh onion, garlic, ginger and chilli. Then smothered with coconut and lemon juice.
Shahi Honey Korma Chicken£5.95
Chicken cooked in a very mild almond and coconut sauce with honey.
Mughlai Karahi£6.50
Chicken tikka marinated in garlic, ginger and coriander, cooked in a richly spiced sauce & a hint of chef's unique ground spices.
Naga Chicken£6.25
Tender chicken slow cooked with freshly ground spices and fresh naga chilli.
Garlic Chilli Chicken£6.25
Supreme Mango Chicken£6.40
Chicken Tikka Masala£6.20
Chicken Jalfrezi£6.20
Chicken Pasanda£6.20
Chicken Makhani£6.20
LAMB DISHES (100% FRESH)
Kalyan Lamb£6.75
Hot and Spicy tender lamb dish cooked with fresh garlic, ginger, mustard seeds, hot naga chilli and mixed pickle.
Kala Bhuna£6.95
A dish from Dhaka Bangladesh slow cooked tender lamb in a spicy bhuna sauce with a hint of spinach, fresh herbs and spices, topped with chopped green chillies and slice peppers.
Shatkora Lamb£6.80
Tenderised spicy lamb dish cooked with tangy citrus fruit and chef special herbs and spices.

Jaipuri Lamb Tikka£6.80
Tender pieces of lamb grilled in the clay oven and cooked with fried mushrooms, fried onions and fried capsicums with fresh spices in a thick sauce. Highly recommended.
Garlic Chilli Kholapuri Lamb£6.60
Hot and spicy lamb dish prepared with whole garlic, turmeric, cumin, coriander and green chillies.
Lamb Pathalia£6.50
Lamb prepared with very special herbs & spices, ground with coriander, mint, garlic & yoghurt.
Naga Lamb£6.60
Tender lamb slow cooked with freshly ground spices and fresh naga chilli.
Laal Maas£6.50
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Lamb Tikka Masala£6.50
Lamb Jalfrezi£6.50
Lamb Pasanda£6.50
Lamb Makhani£6.50
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Vegetable - £5.50
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Chicken, lamb & prawns with omelette.
Chicken Tikka Biryani£7.00
Served with masala sauce.
Mix Grill Biryani£7.75
New exotic grilled chicken tikka, lamb tikka, sheek kebab. Served with a bhuna masala sauce.
Jaipuri Biryani£7.50
Cooked with Chicken Tikka, topped with Stir-Fry onions, mushrooms and capsicums. Served with bhuna masala sauce.
GRILL DISHES
Served with fresh salad & mint sauce
Grill Chicken (Half)£6.50
Bengal King Prawns£8.95
King Prawns marinated with tandoori sauce, grilled in a clay oven then stir-fried

with green peppers and onions. Served with masala sauce.
Chicken/Lamb Tikka£5.95/£6.35
Naga Garlic Tikka Main (New)£6.50
Marinated chicken and naga chilli roasted with spice and yoghurt then grilled in a clay oven, served with crushed garlic, crush chilli, onion and peppers.
Chicken/Lamb Shashlik£6.95/£7.25
Stir Fry Lamb Chops£6.95
Paneer Tikka (v)£5.95
Bengal Sizzler£8.95
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Pupils win Faraday competition



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The local Scout group is still beavering away

THE 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout group is always busy – and there has been no let up since Easter.

Beavers and Cubs have had a joint night where they made cards to celebrate the Sikh new year. They also practised poems ready for the St George's Day celebrations, which took place on April 19 at St Mary's Church in Penmark.

The Scout Promises were reaffirmed during the service and this year were conducted in both Welsh and English.

On April 16, Cubs and Beaver siblings journeyed by train from Rhose to Cardiff Bay to watch an exclusive showing of the new *Jungle Book* film. The train was so full going into Cardiff that most of the children and all the leaders had to stand, but they were all well behaved and it was a lovely day and an excellent film enjoyed by all.

Last week, the Scouts met at Gileston beach and walked the coastal path back to the Scout hut in Rhose, practising their map reading skills along the way.

On April 16, four of the Explorer Scouts also had a day out on the trains. Their challenge was to travel through as many stations as they could within

the valley lines, and complete a number of other mini challenges along the way between 9am and 6pm. They completed almost all of the mini challenges and managed to get through 52 stations, not including those they went through twice, which meant they travelled nearly all of the Valley lines except for three small sections.

In October, the Scout group is holding a family camp for the first time in many years and would like to encourage parents to attend. Any parent interested would need to have a DBS check carried out and the group intend to have the system set up at the hut on May 7. Please get in touch to find out what you need to do.

At 6pm on May 7, the annual general meeting will be held at the Scout hut. It would be lovely to see as many parents there as possible.

The Scout group is very popular across all sections and there are waiting lists at all levels, but particularly at the Beaver Scout level. In order for the group to open a second Beaver colony to accommodate those waiting, it needs help. Please speak to a leader, or contact the group Scout leader on Gsl@penmarkscouts.org.uk.

COLETTE RAYMOND

ON April 14, Max Pruce, Jacob McSheehy, Jacob Thompson, Kai Ludvigsen, Noah McCarthy and Oliver Coborn went to Cardiff to represent Barry Comprehensive in the annual Faraday Challenge.

Faraday Challenge Days give pupils the opportunity to research, design and make prototype solutions to genuinely tough problems.

This year the challenge focused on computer coding a BBC Micro:Bit.

The Barry Comprehensive team focused on travel, and developed two prototypes using the Micro:Bit. The first allowed drivers to be informed when they were exceeding the speed limit, and the second

informed drivers when they needed to take a break from driving to avoid tiredness.

The challenge required the pupils to work closely together as a team, to take on marketing, accountancy and programming roles.

The final presentation went really well, and Barry Comprehensive were judged to be the winners of the competition!

The judging panel commented on their exceptional teamwork, the excellent, detailed documentation of their design work, and excellent coding that created innovative final products.

Project manager Max Pruce commented: "We have had a great experience, I am very proud of the team, and it is very exciting for the school to win!"

A school spokesman said: "We are all very proud of this outstanding achievement."

Barry company wins a top creative award

THE Barry based marketing and design company, Cariad Creative won a highly commended award at Cardiff Regional Awards evening at the Mercure Hotel and Spa on Newport Road, with some of the best and most recognised companies in the region attending.

Cariad Creative specialises in digital marketing, including web design and social media management; and helps a variety of businesses get online.

Cariad Creative also designs and prints marketing materials, such as business cards, letterheads and flyers.

Katrina, the owner of Cariad Creative, said: "I am so delighted with the creative industry award! I wasn't expecting it at all, but I am so grateful to all the people who voted and supported my business."

Cariad Creative is based in The Business Centre on Cardiff Road, Barry, alongside sister company Expert Tech, also a finalist in the professional services category at the Cardiff Regional Awards.

Students look after guests at Rotary dinner



President Paul Halstead pictured with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Barry Town Council, Coun Emma Pritchard and Coun Charlotte Williams, Vale of Glamorgan and harpist Ioan Wardhaugh.

MEMBERS of the Rotary Club of Barry and guests, including the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Barry Town Council, Coun Emma Pritchard and Coun Charlotte Williams, enjoyed an evening dinner prepared and served by the catering students of the Cardiff and Vale College in the Glamorgan Suite of the Colcot Road campus on Thursday, April 14.

During the evening, Rotarians and their guests were entertained by harpist Ioan Wardhaugh. Speaking after the meal, president Paul Halstead thanked the college students and staff, and also Ioan Wardhaugh.

The dinner marked the start of a busy spring and summer for the Rotary Club of Barry who continue to make monthly donations to the local foodbank; 250kg of food was donated in March alone.

Plans are in hand for underprivileged children to be taken to Brean Sands on June 8 as part of the Rotary's national Kids Out programme. A charity duck race is to take place on June 16, followed by an evening meal in the Fox & Hounds, Llanccarfan, and the club will be

represented at the Vale Show on August 10.

New event

IN addition to this, the club is delighted to announce that plans are well in hand for their new charity fundraising event – a Dragon Boat race – on Saturday, May 28 in Cosmeston Park. Everyone is welcome to come along and there is still time to register to join in the fun!

Racing involves rowers sitting side by side in long canoes with a helm to steer and a drummer sitting up front, beating out the rhythm. This event is being professionally run with full safety support.

Money raised in sponsorship of the rowers will go 50 per cent to their team's chosen charity and 50 per cent to support the work of the Rotary movement.

To find out more about the Rotary Club's Dragon Boat event, see www.barrydragonboatfestival.co.uk or call John Shapland on 07743426270 or email Robin Pitcher on robin.pitcher@talktalk.net or phone 02920 514051.

None of these events would be possible without the continued support of the general public, for which the Rotary Club of Barry is very grateful.

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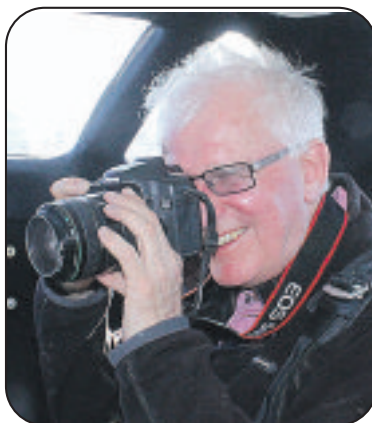
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BARRY'S GEOFF JONES CAPTURES A CLASSIC FLYING IMAGE IN NEW ZEALAND



A homebuilt two-seat biplane, Sherwood Ranger, built by one of Geoff's friends near Hereford.



Geoff working hard to capture the perfect image.



Geoff's spectacular shot of the Catalina Flying Boat.

A BARRY freelance aviation photographer has returned from New Zealand after undertaking a very special assignment.

Geoff Jones (66) who learnt to fly at Rhosce

Airport in the late 70s, told The GEM: "I was able to shoot, air-to-water, the southern hemisphere's only airworthy PBY Catalina flying boat."

"It dates from 1944 and was imported to New Zealand by

enthusiasts from Africa in 1994.

"It started flying again on February 28 following a year restoration process. I took shots of the Catalina landing on Lake Wanaka in the South Island of New Zealand

at the end of March."

Geoff has been doing aviation photography worldwide since the 1960s. One of his Catalina photos has been published in the latest edition of Flight International.

Aviation has been a huge part of Geoff's life. "I own a half share in a Jodel D120 two-seat light aircraft."

Capturing the right images is a tricky business.

"I've always been interested in photographing aircraft and the best medium to do this is air-to-air."

"It is immensely difficult to organise and requires detailed briefing and impeccable safety standards."

"The two pilots flying the camera plane and the subject aircraft have to be able to fly competently in close formation."

"The photographer relies heavily on the pre-flight briefing and the competency of the two pilots."

"It is much easier since the dawn of digital photography."

"I've had two books of air-to-air photography published in conjunction with a friend in California, 'American Classics of the Air' and 'Vintage Aircraft Over America'."

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Community choir has busy schedule

THE Barry Community Choir took part in the annual choirs of Barry concert recently, held at St Helen's RC Church.

Proceeds went to the Town Mayor's two charities – Ty Hapus and MNDA Cardiff and Vale. The choir sang a varied repertoire – old and modern – and thoroughly enjoyed entertaining the large audience. The combined choirs raised the roof with the final piece 'Cwm Rhondda'.

A spokeswoman said: 'The choir's next venue is the YMCA Hub in Barry on May 4 where we will be singing to *Trysor O Le*.

'For the first time ever, the choir will be singing at the Amelia Trust Farm Spring Fair on Wednesday, June 1.'

The choir is currently looking for new members, male and female. Call Sheila on 01446 748724, or email info@barrycommunitychoir.com.

'Thank you to clean up group'

I WOULD like to say a big thank you to the volunteers involved in the Gilbert Street, Barry clean up.

The area is now looking much better thanks to the spring clean and it's all down to The Pulse Team, Keep Wales Tidy and the local PCSO Rhianon

Cummings.

Piles of fly tipping had built up in the Gilbert Street Lane and it had become a real eyesore. In all, the team collected a number of bags of waste along with other household goods. This is in addition to 40 bags previously collected.

The team have made a real difference to the local area and I would like to thank them all for their help in this matter. If there is any further suspicious activity in this area residents are asked to call 101.

Coun Richard Bertin, Independent, Barry.

Ramblers choose between Vale and Black Mountains

PENARTH and District Ramblers recently hosted two very different walks, the first in the delightful rural Vale and the second a mid-week walk, hill climbing in the stunning Black Mountains.

On a chilly but dry morning, Geraint and his band of 12 walkers entered the churchyard of St Bridget's and, having viewed a gravestone dedicated to the deceased crew of the Malleny which struck Tusker Rock in 1886, left St Brides Major and headed uphill onto Ogmere Down with lovely clear views of the surrounding countryside, whilst skylarks filled the air with song.

Descending by track and lane to Ogmere Castle for morning break, they trekked across the stepping stones, some of which were still below water, and continued across sheep-filled meadows in warm sunshine to join the Heronston Lane, and headed across Ewenny Moor to the ancient Ewenny Priory.

After viewing some of the many treasures within the Priory, followed by a lunch stop, the route continued over a series of old stone stiles at Cornstown and a climb up through cropped meadows to Tair Cross, where a short road walk led on past Wallas Farm and a descent through Coed y Wallas, with its thick carpet of flowering wood anemones.

Having crossed the pretty clapper bridge over the sparkling River Alun, a short steep climb led onto part of Old Castle Down for the return to the start, by way of open moorland, tracks and quiet lanes.

After battling with early morning traffic, a group of nine walkers and Ramakin the dog joined William for a stunning adventure, beginning from Pengenfordd near Talgarth, where

rough farm tracks full of mud and running surface water led uphill for the gradual ascent of the Dragon's Back, during which a red kite flew just above their heads.

Pausing for a rest and refreshment at the top, the views stretched back across Mynydd Troed to the central Beacons and the misty Carmarthen Fans.

Crossing open moorland with only ponies and skylarks for company and passing only one solitary walker, they paused at the trig point on Rhos Dirion, before the track led downhill towards Lord Hereford's Knob or Twmpa.

After enjoying views to Hay Bluff and across the enchanting Wye Valley towards Glasbury, they descended for lunch in warm sunshine on the lower part of the hillside, before rough walking on tumpy grass and across several steep gullies led onto a road.

Having passed Blaenau Isaf Farm and exiting onto Rhos Fawr Common, a stile led them back into fields full of ewes and sturdy young lambs. Then by lane past Pen y Bryn and Rhyd-y-Bont with a fantastic silhouette of the Dragon's Back against the skyline.

Upon reaching the foot of Castell Dinas, deep ruts made by tractor tyres and filled with rainwater held hundreds of wriggling tadpoles, before a muddy track led them back downhill to their cars.

On April 30, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 12-mile moderate/hard walk at Rhiwderin and Mynydd Machen; contact Rachel on 01446 410545.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102. JS

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Young mum in close call at zebra crossing

A YOUNG mother from St Athan has described the moment she, her three-year-old and her mother were almost hit by a van on a zebra crossing.

The mum, who doesn't want to be identified, told THE GEM: "On Tuesday, April 19, I went down to the local school with my mother to pick my three-year-old son up from nursery. It was his first day there.

"It was a sunny day so I suggested to my mother, who is in a wheelchair, to come down with me to pick him up.

"I picked my son up at 3pm and started to walk back.

"We came to the zebra crossing in the village. My son had his hand between the wheelchair handle and my hand to cross the road. I always stop, look and listen with him.

"As there were no cars coming I said 'we can cross'.

"As soon as I pushed the wheelchair onto the crossing a white van came speeding towards us.

"I quickly pulled my son and the wheelchair back. The van still failed to stop and speeded past us.

"He must of been doing between 40 and 50mph. It was very scary to think all three of us could of been hit.

"Finally we crossed the road. Some witnesses were shocked at what they had seen."

The young mum points out that the incident is not unique in the village "St Athan is very busy and even more so at school times.

"This is not the first time there has been near miss in and around St Athan. We need speed bumps to slow the traffic down.

"Something needs to be done soon, before a death - then it will be too little too late.

"There are so many areas where there are schools with traffic calming measures, but St Athan has nothing.

"There is a real issue with the crossing by the main road connecting St Athan and the new housing across the road."

She asked: "What will it take to make St Athan's roads safer?"

SOROPTIMISTS MAKE A CHEQUE PRESENTATION TO DINAS GROUP VOLUNTEERS



(Left to right): Chris Drury, Iris Hopkins, Diane Dixon, Sue Richards and John Fanshaw.

SOME local members of Soroptimist International Barry and District recently visited Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern, where Sue Richards from Penarth had the very pleasant task of presenting John Fanshaw, the chairman of DPVC, with a cheque for £435.

This money was raised at 'A Right Royal Garden Party' which Sue and her husband, Tony, hosted in their home.

DPVC is a vital resource for many local people, helping them by, among other things, delivering their

prescriptions, taking them to church, shopping, or just dropping in for a cup of tea and a chat.

Although the charity has always taken people to surgery appointments, this service is even more vital with the opening of the new health centre. As well as running their own minibus, DPVC also supplies drivers for the CADDY people carrier, which is provided by Medical Centre Transport.

John said they were extremely grateful for the support from Soroptimists, and that the money would be a very useful contribution to the maintenance and running costs of the vehicles.

To find out more about the club visit www.sigbi.org/barry-and-district.

Book group celebrates its fifth year

A BARRY book group celebrated its fifth year anniversary this month.

'Scarlett's Bookgroup', named after their meeting place, Scarlett's wine bar on Broad Street.

Formed by Francesca Dawson and Jo Thomas, the nine-member group is open to anyone who enjoys a good book.

Francesca said of the milestone: "We're delighted to still be going strong five years on. We're keen supporters of the Vale Library service and, as a group, try to use the service for our monthly book selection as much as possible.

"We're also very grateful to Scarlett's for hosting us every month. The venue and particularly Ron, the owner, have been great supporters."

Scarlett's book group meet at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of every month at Scarlett's wine bar, Broad Street. New members are always welcome.



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Scarlett's Bookgroup celebrated their fifth anniversary.

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He has gathered a large amount of memorabilia from his days in Morecombe, promoting famous names in entertainment. He took us all back to our youth when we were young, fit and beautiful.

Mrs Tina Wride gave the vote of thanks and Mrs Jean Gibbon won the raffle... thank goodness!

The spring trip to Devizes is on Wednesday, May 18. The coach leaves Brynecethin at 8.30am and will pick up at various points, returning to Cowbridge at 7pm-7.30pm.

We meet again on September 20 in Penllyn Hall at 7.30pm.

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Davies becomes the Vale Show's new president



New Vale Show president, Andrew RT Davies (left), pictured last year.

VALE of Glamorgan farmer and leader of the Welsh Conservatives, Andrew RT Davies, has been elected as the new president of the Vale Show following the annual general meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society.

Born and bred in St Hilary, Mr Davies is a partner in the family farming business, a former vice president of Llantrisant Young Farmers Club and a life governor of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society.

This year's Vale Show takes place on Wednesday, August 10 at Fommon Castle with preparations well under way.

After the decision was announced at the Bear Hotel in Cowbridge, Mr

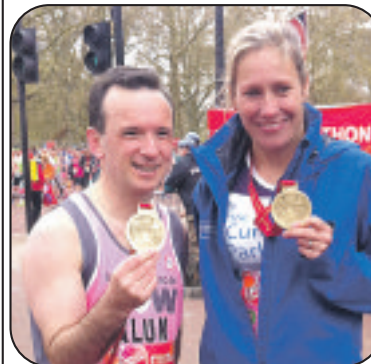
Davies said: "This is a true privilege and as a proud Vale farmer who has participated in the show for many, many years with both family and friends this is a great honour."

"The Vale Show is a demonstration of all that's great about the Vale, organised by a team of dedicated volunteers, and showcases the very best of town and country life."

"The trade stands and produce on offer are undoubtedly some of the best you'll experience and I look forward to playing my part in delivering another successful Vale Show in August."

"Working with the general secretary, Sarah Fenner, and her team, I cannot wait to welcome many old and new faces to the show field as we work together to present the very best of the rural Vale and beyond."

Secretary of State achieves marathon personal best



VALE MP and serving cabinet minister Alun Cairns completed the 2016 London Marathon with a personal best in his fifth marathon, and in doing so maintained his position as fastest MP.

He completed the 26 mile course in 3:28:02, a personal best despite a minor knee injury a week before the event.

The Secretary of State for Wales, pictured above with the BBC's Sophie Raworth was running for two charities, Breast Cancer Now and The Brain Tumour Charity, raising in excess of £5,000 through his efforts.

Mr Cairns said: "This has been the most enjoyable marathon I have completed, but also the most exhausting."

Age Connects fayre a success

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop held a successful spring fayre recently, which was well supported by local community – at one point there was not an empty chair in the café!

There was an excellent cake stall, and it was great to see customers tucking into the cakes and chatting over a cuppa, and it raised £267.88.

Jane Hutt, who opened the fayre, congratulated the volunteers for their hard work and was pleased to hear their funding was safe for the current year.

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Power station says changes will meet strict emissions rules

FOLLOWING the successful completion of a major environmental project at Aberthaw Power Station earlier this year, RWE is announcing its decision to further reduce emissions and increase fuel diversity.

A spokeswoman for the power station said: "The technology selected for this next project will enable all three of the station's 500MW units to expand the range of coal they can use. This will

enable the safe and efficient burning of higher volatile coal while maintaining the capability to burn Welsh low-volatile coal.

"Importantly, this will yield a 30 per cent reduction in nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions when burning higher volatile fuels. This will ensure that we fully comply with our future emissions obligations.

"We are working to secure the future operations of Aberthaw Power Station. We must, however, recognise that the current market for energy generation remains extremely challenging and demand

for coal generation over the coming years is expected to be low compared to recent times.

"Against this backdrop, we have to make decisions to future-proof our operations.

"We have announced a change to our operating regime, which will focus on ensuring secure capacity is available when needed but with lower energy generation operations.

"Aberthaw Power Station has generated energy for over 40 years, and says it will continue to have a role to play in the transition of the UK to a lower carbon energy system by providing guaranteed capacity at times of high demand and with lower emissions."

ROADWORKS: Port Road, Wenvoe at Culverhouse Cross; A4050 Port Road, from junction with Culverhouse Cross to its junction with Nant Isaf, Wenvoe; Y Rhoddfa, Barry; A4055 Harbour Road, Barry (the Causeway); Penylan Village, Cowbridge.

Temporary traffic control: Porthkerry Road, Rhosce, Sully Road, Sully, Argae Lane, Barry; Dobbins Road, Barry; Broad Street, Barry (near the One Stop Shop).

Richard Little, Aberthaw Power Station manager: "When market conditions are very difficult, it is testament to the hard work and dedication of our people that we can adapt the station to ensure that it continues to play a key role into the future."

FAMILY'S FEAR THAT AUTISTIC TEENAGER WILL HAVE TO GO TO LLANDOVERY OR CHELTENHAM

Mother's plea: 'Let my daughter stay at home'

by GEM REPORTER

The mother of an autistic teenager says she might have to send her daughter to either a college in Llandovery or Cheltenham because the council won't fund specialist help locally.

Angela Thomas, aged 40, who lives in Penarth, says her 18-year-old daughter Romana has been given the choice of going to either Coleg Elidyr, in Llandovery, Carmarthenshire, or the National Star College, in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Angela points out that Coleg Elidyr is a round trip of 140 miles and National Star College would involve a round trip of over 160 miles. It would mean a residential arrangement and Angela would see Romana every six weeks or so.

Angela is campaigning for her to have a local placement so Romana (18) can stay with the family.

The Vale Council told

The GEM its aim was "to provide the most appropriate support and care package" for Romana.

Single-mum Angela, who also has a son Benjamin, aged three, wants Romana to go to the National Autistic Society's Ty Yfory day centre in Cardiff. That would be either a full-time arrangement for a year, or part time over two years. It is run by the National Autistic Society.

Angela claims the Vale Council won't fund a place there so she is attempting to raise a daunting sum of £40,000 required to pay for it (see the 'go fund me' link at end of story).

Angela's fear is the effect on Romana if she has to go into a residential setting a long way from home.

She explained: "Romana has complex needs, suffers extreme anxiety and OCD over changes, and she becomes very distressed when her routine is disrupted, which then results in meltdowns.

"She requires 'one-to-one' specialist support



Angela with Romana.

and is virtually non-verbal and extremely vulnerable.

"When her school changed its location last year she developed attachment issues with people and her behaviour deteriorated.

"I believe that a long distance residential college would not be a suitable option for Romana. It could have a long-lasting detrimental effect on her mental state and behaviour, being torn away from everything and everyone she knows and loves at home.

"Funding is only available for college for two years - then she

would be back home in the same situation, trying to secure a specialist adult day placement when this is what we want now.

"Professionals agree Ty Yfory would meet her needs and would be a cheaper option than residential college.

"I don't understand why it is such a difficult task to keep her at home. The provision should be available when we live in a city area like Cardiff and the Vale."

At the moment, Romana attends Ysgol Y Deri in Penarth and Angela has applied for a place at a special needs

unit within Bridgend College in the event that her bid to get Romana into Ty Yfory fails.

She points out that a 'day arrangement' should cost the public purse less than a long distance, residential solution.

A Vale Council spokesman said: "As with all clients, our care managers carry out a comprehensive assessment to identify each individual's particular needs.

"Based upon an individual's assessment, we make recommendations that will best address their needs and support them to develop new skills and increase their level of independence.

"When making recommendations, we are always mindful of other factors such as location and distance from support networks.

"We are continuing to work with Romana and her family to provide the appropriate care package, including day care and respite."

Angela has set up a GoFundMe page www.gofundme.com/7ypu28s4 in an effort to pay for Romana's place at Ty Yfory.

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PICTURED RIGHT:
Luba Ashworth with the gala
programme from 1961.



Luba's fond memories of skating for Her Majesty

by PHILIP IRWIN

THE recent 90th birthday celebrations for Her Majesty the Queen brought back fond memories for a Llantwit Major woman.

It was in 1961, 55 years ago, that Luba Ashworth was presented to the young Queen Elizabeth at a Royal gala ice skating show.

Luba, now aged 83, told The GEM: "I was single then, and my maiden name was Luba

Natova. My family had left Russia at the time of the revolution, but I had grown up in Streatham in London.

"The Queen asked about my name and enquired where I came from, so I said Streatham. She laughed and we had a chat about my family history.

"She was really relaxed and charming." At the time, Luba was the principal skater with Tom Arnold, who was the leading skating impresario of the day.

Luba said: "I took up skating quite late, at about 12, but I made quick progress and turned professional at 16."

Her first job offer was in the chorus of a skating show at low pay, but she stood up for herself and became a principal skater – earning the princely sum of £10 a week!

The principal skater is a featured performer, doing her own solo spots, and understudying the star. For much of Luba's time in skating, she understudied Jacqueline du Bief – a former world champion.

Jacqueline and Luba became good friends. Jacqueline is now 85, but the pair are still in touch!

In those days, skating shows were not in arena venues such as the Cardiff Motorpoint Arena. In the provinces, the show still went on – even if the stage was quite small.

However, there were also more ambitious venues, and Luba remembers appearing in Peter Pan at the Empire theatre, London.

She said: "They wanted Peter Pan and Tinkerbell to fly – I was playing Tinkerbell, but the science of 'flying' on stage was in its infancy.

"After the first rehearsal, I had bruises all over my legs!"

She continued skating



Luba is presented to The Queen, 55 years ago.



Luba (left) with Jacqueline du Bief.

for Tom Arnold until she married and decided to start a family. There were offers to lure her away, one from Paul Raymond's Revue Bar, where the Soho club owner thought that topless ice skating might be a good gimmick.

Luba said: "The money was terrific, he went up to £150 a week, which was big money then, but I wasn't interested."

After she married, she came to live in Llantrisant and had two daughters. Luba is intensely proud that both entered the medical profession – one is a surgeon, and one a GP.

She also has four grandchildren, and two of those are in medical school. The other two are a little young to have settled on a career path.

Helping people with their careers became Luba's own profession after she retired from skating. She worked at executive level with the agencies Manpower and Pertemps.

It was 40 years ago that she settled in Llantwit Major, and until five years ago she lived in her cottage in West Road.

The genes that made her a good skater, and her own self discipline, meant that she stayed active. She was a regular in a local gym until the age of 81, only giving that up when she injured her back exercising her leg muscles by pressing 100kg.

She said: "I should never have tried to lift that extra 5k!"

Luba has so many memories of her life in skating. Just one concerns the British Olympic gold medal winning free skater, John Curry.

She said: "I went to see him skate and he recognised me! He said that he had always loved watching me skate. He invited me backstage as well."

John Curry also gave her a signed photo, and he wrote to Luba: "Thank you for your inspiration."

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RESIDENTS IN BATTLE TO PRESERVE VILLAGE PEACE



Stripped away trees and foliage.

THE small village of Treoes in the western Vale is known for its picturesque setting, but local residents feel they are having to fight hard to maintain its peace and quiet.

The village lies on the border with Bridgend county borough and people are concerned that activity on the town's Waterton Industrial Estate is having a detrimental impact on their lives.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) said it is currently investigating planning issues relating to the site.

Ward Jones (Bridgend) Ltd, which operates from the industrial estate, told The GEM that the company would not be making any comment at this stage.

One resident, whose house is in sight of the industrial estate, said villagers had fought a campaign in 2002 to ensure activities on the estate didn't intrude into their daily lives, but that now the spectre of noise (and the sight of the previously hidden buildings) had reared its head once more.

She explained: "We hear loud bangs and fear the noise is becoming as intrusive as before."

"We went to a hearing in 2002 and conditions were imposed on hours of operation and noise levels. It was okay until recently."

The village action group says trees and hedges that shielded the village from the industrial estate have been stripped away.

The resident said: "The noise bothers me and the building we can now see is an eyesore. We thought we had won this battle in 2002."

In 2002, Vale planning officers even arrived on the scene with sound equipment to monitor levels of noise from the estate.

Villagers say previous owners of the five acre site which acted as a buffer between the village and the industrial estate, TB Davies (UK) Ltd,

gained permission for a change of use of the land so it could be used for business, industrial and storage purposes.

But under a new owner clearance work went ahead.

A Treoes Action Group spokesperson explained: "BCBC applied important conditions before the site could be cleared ready for the area to be developed."

However, villagers believe the new owner of the land Ward Jones (Bridgend) Ltd has not followed the conditions.

The group spokesperson said: "When clearance started in October last year villagers pleaded with BCBC planning officers to stop the work and all they could say is they didn't have the powers to do so. 'Clearance', they said, is not part of the development process."

The group says the developer should have presented tree, environment and landscape reports before starting clearance work.

"We believe the tree report arrived with BCBC in early April – seven months late. Villagers believe the report suggests the trees were either dead or dangerous and who now in BCBC can argue given the trees and long, old hedge are gone?"

The Treoes group says it would welcome advice from any legal, planning or environmental specialist and can be contacted at: treoesactiongroup@gmail.com.

Jane Hutt recently met villagers to listen to the latest concerns.

The GEM asked BCBC for its view on the villagers' concerns and the issues raised, and a council spokesman responded: "The site is currently the subject of a planning enforcement investigation and there is a current planning application to extend operating hours on an adjacent area of land."

"Members of the public have been invited to comment on the application, and any representations will be taken into account as part of the

Pat Stewart, known as 'The Girl in the Spotty Dress', has now written her autobiography

A Llanmaes woman immortalised as 'The Blackpool Belle in the Polka Dot Dress' when she was featured on the front of The Picture Post magazine in 1951 has now written her autobiography.

Pat Stewart (82) lives in quiet retirement now, but at one time she was a John Tiller Girl and rubbed shoulders with some of the most famous people in show business. Later she became a showbiz agent.

Now Pat has penned her life story, 'The Girl in the Spotty Dress'.

In it she tells of her early dancing days, brushes with the rich and famous, and the famous image that first brought her to public attention.

The image of Pat and a friend on Blackpool front became an enduring image of post-war Britain.

Pat explained: "Although it was 65 years ago, I have a clear recollection of having the photograph taken. At the time, I was working on Blackpool North Pier as a dancer kicking my legs!"

The photograph was taken by Bert Hardy and graced the front page of The Picture Post magazine's 50th anniversary edition. Bert invited Pat and fellow dancer Wendy Clark to perch on the railings of Blackpool promenade.

Wendy, sporting a white dress, was gazing down at the beach, Pat, in the polka dot dress, was in a more risque pose with the wind blowing up the dress to reveal a shapely leg.

"There was a 12 foot drop off the other side and I wrapped one foot round the railings and giggled, partly out of fright, just as there was a gust of wind – at that moment he took the picture."

Magazine readers loved the photograph for capturing a carefree, golden moment in the sunshine at the British seaside.

"The war had recently finished. We had gone through austere years, and it was a new beginning for the youth of the 1950s. Who knows why it became iconic – but it did."

Featherstone-born Pat's headteacher wanted her to be a gym teacher or physiotherapist, but her dream was to be on the stage.

Her breakthrough came as a 16-year-old when she saw an advertisement for dancers to take part in a pantomime that was due to take place at the Theatre Royal in Leeds.

Her showbiz career developed from being a dancer to becoming part of a theatrical double act 'Nick and Pat London'



Pat Stewart.

with Bernard Bresnick. She even appeared in one show with Laurel and Hardy in 1953 and was given a signed photo.

Her association with Wales began when she met and married the Welsh comedian Johnny Stewart in Weymouth in 1956. Johnny had a long and successful career on TV, in the theatre and on the club circuit. He even appeared on Sunday Night at the Palladium.

Pat performed with and befriended some of the biggest names in showbusiness so her memoir is full of fascinating anecdotes. Among the stars she knew were Benny Hill,

Morecambe and Wise, Diana Dors and the Beverley Sisters.

She and her husband even met the Kray brothers at the Park Hotel in Cardiff when she was a showbiz agent and putting on shows to raise funds for families affected by the Aberfan disaster. Despite their notorious reputation, the Krays gave £300 to the disaster fund.

Five years ago Pat hit the headlines, including in The GEM, when a woman in Cornwall incorrectly claimed that she had been the 'girl in polka dot dress'.

The result was that she appeared on the The One Show in a segment filmed at The Lamb and Flag Public House in Wick, in which it was made clear she was true Blackpool belle.

The Girl in the Spotty Dress by Pat Stewart with Veronica Clark is out now, published by John Blake Publishing in paperback and priced £7.99. It can be ordered at Amazon.co.uk.



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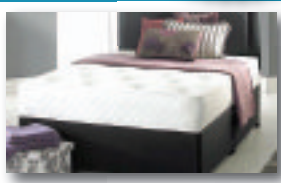
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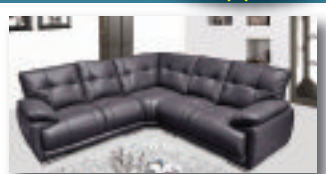
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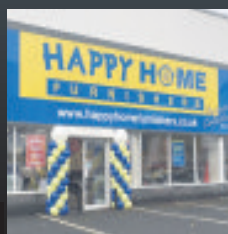


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Healthcare professionals address international forum

NHS staff from Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan have made their mark at one of the largest international forums for patient safety and improvement.

The delegates were among 3,300 from across the world invited to share their work with peers and with some of the leading minds in healthcare at the international forum in Gothenburg.

Ruth Walker, the Executive Nurse Director for Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, and colleague Joy Whitlock, the Quality and Safety Improvement Manager, delivered an hour-long breakout session to over 300 people.



Joy said: "It was a great privilege to present at such a prestigious event and showcase some of the fantastic improvement work in Cardiff and Vale. We had the opportunity to interact with healthcare leaders worldwide, meet old acquaintances and make new ones."

"It was inspiring and energising, and my head is buzzing with ideas."

Little yellow Bustler is back to celebrate its 30th birthday!

*Bustler minibus
Number 1, the
minibus that started
it all in Barry, is
celebrating its 30th
anniversary at the
'Little Bus Running
Sunday' on May 1 at
the Bus Depot,
Barry.*

*(Photo by Tudor
Thomas.)*

THIRTY years ago in 1986, a small revolution spread across south-east Wales, when bright little yellow Bustler minibuses took to the streets.

On May 1, the Cardiff Transport Preservation Group is offering free heritage little and big bus rides all day from its 1930s base at the Bus



Depot, Broad Street in Barry, to mark the anniversary. Almost every town and community across the

south Wales valleys had a little yellow Bustler service within three years transforming hourly bus services to minibuses, operating usually up to every 10 minutes. The 12 that started in Barry soon became over 300 throughout the valleys.

Mike Taylor, chairman of the heritage bus restoration group said: "On Sunday, May 1 we are celebrating the Bustler, which started 30 years ago. We have some restored little buses similar to Bustler, and we will be offering free rides on these, and also on our big buses, with trips around Barry, to Rhosce or to Penarth. We have departures every half hour from the Bus Depot in Broad Street, Barry."

Thirty years ago the little buses were the answer to passenger needs: frequent, in residential areas, they operated on a 'hail and ride' basis and because they were small, they could get into housing estates among parked cars, and were quite nippy.

They were promoted as being 'Fast, Frequent and Friendly'.

The first ones started in Barry on May 6, 1986 and were really quite small, just 16 seats based

on a Ford Transit, and the first 12 were soon added to with bus privatisation and deregulation changing attitudes to public transport travel.

Following Barry, by the end of the year they were in Cowbridge, Newbridge, Ty-sign and Newport; throughout Cwmbran, in Pontypridd, Mountain Ash and The Rhondda. Within three years, they were in most towns such as Porthcawl, Merthyr Tydfil, Ebbw Vale, Monmouth, and even in Bristol. People in Cardiff would have seen them outside the former David Morgan's department store in The Hayes.

Mike continued: "Our biggest event of the year is, of course, in June, the Barry Island Festival of Transport, but our May smaller-scale 'Running Day' has proved very popular with local people - mums, dads and children, as well as the enthusiast. We will also run some of our bigger heritage buses and, if sunny, open-top buses too."

The Little Bus Running Sunday starts at 10:30am and buses leave half hourly until 4.30pm with all journeys starting at the Bus Depot, Broad Street in Barry.

'Don't miss out on these vital vaccines' - CALL

CHILDREN and young adults in Cardiff and the Vale are being urged to get vaccinated against meningitis and HPV and open clinics have been set up for those who missed the vaccine at their school or GP surgery.

Teenage boys and girls born between Sept 1, 1999 and Aug 31, 2000, are advised to have the new MenACWY vaccine to protect them against potentially deadly meningitis. Girls born between Sept 1, 1997 and Aug 31, 2003, should get the HPV (human papilloma virus) vaccine which prevents cervical cancer.

Nuala Mahon, immunisation coordinator for Cardiff and Vale Public Health team,

said: "We know some young people have missed these important vaccines. The vaccines are free and safe and can protect against preventable - and sometimes fatal - illnesses."

"We encourage young people and their parents to think about whether they have missed either of these vaccines and, if they have, to get protected."

With April 24 - 30 designated World Immunisation Week, now is an important time to highlight the importance of vaccination.

The pop-up sessions will run from 2pm - 4pm on: April 27 at St David's Hospital, Cowbridge Road East, Canton; May 4 at Mary Lennox Room, Barry Hospital; May 6 at Rumney Primary Care Centre, Barmouth Road.

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Vale dancers to perform with English Youth Ballet

EIGHT students from the Barry and Cardiff-based dance school, Nicola Peros Ballet have successfully auditioned and won places to perform in the English Youth Ballet's production of *Sleeping Beauty*, which is being performed at the New Theatre, Cardiff on August 12 and 13.

Fighting off stiff competition to win their places in the audition process, the young students Chloe Bagnall, Amber Hamling, Leah Davies, Eleanora Smalley, Elizabeth Angove, Ellie Clarke, Louise Bagnall and Bridget Peake will have the opportunity to perform alongside professional ballet dancers in a full-length version of the Tchaikovsky ballet.

The English Youth Ballet was founded in 1998 by its director, Janet Lewis, and presents full-length classical ballets in the regional theatres of England, Scotland and Wales, providing an opportunity for young dancers outside



Back row left to right: Chloe Bagnall, Amber Hamling, Leah Davies, Eleanora Smalley; front row left to right: Elizabeth Angove, Ellie Clarke, and Louise Bagnall.

London aged eight to 18 years to perform in a professional setting.

Each year the professional principal dancers are joined by 100 young dancers and carry out eight performances a year.

Janet Lewis, EYB's founder said: "Now in its 18th year, EYB has built a highly successful youth dance company."

"The demand for places is expressed by the hundreds of young dancers who audition annually."

"Many of the students go on to vocational training having gained enormous confidence, invaluable performing experience and great pleasure from their involvement with English Youth Ballet."

The Nicola Peros Ballet School continues to go from strength to strength with former pupils currently progressing their training with the top vocational dance schools in the UK including The Royal Ballet School, The Hammond School, Chester, and Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance, London.

A junior associate with The Royal Ballet School and currently training with Nicola Peros, Stefanie Maurer recently attended an RAD workshop with Ballet Cymru and was awarded a medal and £20 in RAD vouchers for her outstanding performance during the workshop.

Also, a mid-

associate with The Royal Ballet School, Bridget Peake has been offered a summer school place to train with the prestigious Elmhurst School of Dance in Birmingham, which is associated with the Birmingham Royal Ballet Company.

The Nicola Peros Ballet School was also chosen to take part in the Lord Mayor of Cardiff's matinee performance earlier on this year at the St David's Hall.

For all those budding young male dancers and ballerinas, Nicola Peros Ballet will be holding some open days on May 13, 14 and 15 to allow parents and children to come along and watch classes to see if they would like to join, and start a lifelong passion for dance.

For further information on attending the open days and ballet classes visit the website: www.nicolaperosballet.com or email: info@nicolaperosballet.com or telephone: 01446 721899 mobile: 07850741136.



A NINE-year-old cat has finally been reunited with her owner – six years after making a dash from a vet's car park.

Tabby-and-white puss Chloe went missing in 2010 after jumping from a pet carrier in Caerphilly where she had been taken for a routine appointment by owner Rebecca Lee.

After living as a stray and being cared for by an elderly woman just over a mile away, Chloe was eventually handed into Cats Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre where a quick scan of her microchip meant she could finally be reunited with her owner.

Mrs Lee, who had believed Chloe had died in a road accident, said she was overjoyed to be able to have her back at her home in Caerphilly.

She said: "Chloe had jumped from the pet carrier in the car park and we never saw her again. I put up posters and placed adverts and shortly after got a call to say a cat matching her description had been found dead by the roadside."

"I was devastated but came to terms with her death. Unbeknown to me at the time, it seems she had wandered as a stray before eventually finding an elderly lady who had taken her in."

"It was a real shock but lovely news to hear that Chloe had been found and was alive and well after so many years. I am delighted to be reunited with her and would advise all owners to get their cats microchipped and keep their details up to date. I would like to thank the team at Cats Protection for their part in bringing us back together at last."

Cats Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre deputy manager Molly Hughes said Chloe had been brought in by the family of the elderly woman

Rebecca's pet cat is found... AFTER SIX YEARS!

who had become too frail to care for her.

She said: "We scanned Chloe, which is routine for all cats coming into our care and our receptionist noticed she was registered to a different owner and address. We managed to get hold of Rebecca, Chloe's original owner, who was shocked to hear from us that Chloe was in our care."

"Chloe was nervous with us but she was very happy to see Rebecca and started rolling over and purring when she saw her."

"It's great to have been able to reunite Chloe with her family, and it was touching to see them together."

"Chloe's story goes to show why microchipping is so important and how effective it is. However, just as important as having your cat microchipped is keeping the details up to date. We often have microchipped cats come into our care and are sadly unable to reunite them with their owners because the contact details on the database are incorrect."

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One farm supports multiple rural businesses



THE role that farmers play in supporting rural businesses is something often forgotten or overlooked by some politicians and decision makers, and that's why NFU Cymru recently enlisted the support of Glamorgan County Chairman, Abi Reader, to provide an illustration of the impact that agriculture has on the wider rural economy.

Abi explained: "As well as producing food, farmers support a wide and diverse range of rural businesses, which in turn provides work and opportunities for local people.

Throughout the farming calendar, a farming business supports a whole host of rural firms and people.

"We employ a number of staff, who themselves have homes and families to support. Last year alone, 15 students passed through the farm, who studied a range of topics from veterinary and agriculture to media studies and geography.

"The students enjoy coming to a working farm, and our current vet carried out a lot of training here on the Goldsland herd. Farmers are an invaluable resource, not only financially, but in securing a skilled workforce for the future."

Last year, the mixed dairy/arable holding used in excess of 70 companies and many took the opportunity to show their support to Abi, all driving home the message that farmers are such an important part of their own core business.

Abi continued: "The support shown for this initiative just goes to show how the money that farmers receive via

the single farm payment and Rural Development Programme cascades through the wider rural economy."

The family have recently shown their commitment to the dairy industry by investing in a new GEA Westfalia 20:20 milking parlour.

Abi said: "Our old milking parlour had been condemned, which forced a decision on whether we should invest or get out. We invested heavily in the dairy sector.

"The project saw three local contractors enlisted for site clearance and the building of the new structure. We used local builders, electricians and fabricators. We had the confidence to invest and the project supported so many other businesses."

Companies represented at the farm included three different harvest contractors, and their combined work force would reach 40, all of whom are local.

Machinery dealers,

vets, agricultural merchants, fuel suppliers and engineers were also all represented.

Abi continued: "The key message is that if we were not farming and trading, then all of these businesses with whom we deal regularly would lose out. The opportunities we provide for community and wildlife groups, as well as the knowledge we give to students, should not be underestimated.

"Our contribution to those around us is undervalued and I sincerely hope Welsh

Government realise what we offer as an industry – not only in terms of food production but as employers, mentors and landscape custodians as well."

Abi Reader, who hosted the visit at Goldsland Farm, Wenvoe, thanked everyone for coming along and showing their support to her family's farm business.

Goldsland is approximately 800 acres. Their milking herd consists of 200 and they have 100 acres of arable land and 150 sheep.



TV news were on hand to interview Abi Reader (on right).

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Group's day out in Monmouth



The Friends and Neighbours group at the garden centre.

Testing questions on immigration

BORIS JOHNSON has suggested that President Obama has an "ancestral dislike of the British Empire" because of his own heritage.

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's The World at One, UKIP leader Nigel Farage agreed, saying: "I think Obama, because of his grandfather and Kenya and colonisation, bears a bit of a grudge against this country."

My question is this: If UKIP's policy is to have immigration from former

colonies on the grounds that Commonwealth immigrants assimilate better than those from eastern Europe, why is Nigel Farage agreeing with Boris's comments?

And if Nigel does think that people from the "new" Commonwealth harbour a grudge against this country due to their history, why does he wish them here, in preference to those without such a history (Europeans)?

Russell White, c/o Populist Party, Broadstone, Dorset.

FRIENDS and Neighbours first trip of 2016 went off with a bang with a brilliant day out to Monmouth, the Welsh market town situated at the confluence of the Rivers Wye, Monnow and Trothy.

The members enjoyed looking around the bustling main street and indoor market.

They also enjoyed visiting many of the attractive shops selling antiques and taking time to have a coffee/tea and cake in the old tea rooms and cafes, with many taking the opportunity to sit outside in the sunshine.

They went on to Wyevale Garden Centre in St Mellons, Cardiff, which had recently reopened following its fire some three years ago.

Many of the members had been before the fire, and they marvelled at the change and how bright, airy and modern it was.

Many of them looked around the gift shops which were very reasonably priced, and the plants, many of them getting a bargain.

They are now looking forward to the June trip to Weston Super Mare.

Contact 01446 400044 for further information. There is a waiting list for the popular group.

GAY FIFIELD

PACT in the Vale

COURT PACT meeting at the Witchill Community Hall, Dyfan Road, Barry, on Thursday, April 28 at 6.30pm.

GIBBONS DOWN drop in at Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close, Barry, every Monday between 10am and 12 noon.

DINAS POWYS PACT at Youlden House, Fair Oaks, Dinas Powys, on Thursday, April 28 at 7pm.

COWBRIDGE Coffee and Chat at the Red Fox, Penllyn, on Wednesday, May 4 at 11am.

COWBRIDGE PACT at the Fire Station, Druids Green, on Monday, May 9 at 11am.

RHOOSE Coffee and Chat at the Fox & Hounds, Llancarfan, on Tuesday, May 10 at 11am.

Runners team up for Maggie's Centre event

EPILEPSY specialist nurse Lisa Phillips is all set for her next fundraising challenge – and she has enlisted plenty of support to join her.

Lisa was honoured for her charitable work at last year's ABMU Chairman's Awards after she marked her 50th birthday year by taking part in five different runs, including the London Marathon, for two charities.

This year, she is part of a 25-strong group which has organised a run from Princess of Wales Hospital to Maggie's Centre at Singleton Hospital on Saturday, June 18.

Alan Roberts, who works in the IT department at Neath Port Talbot Hospital, is a member of Port Talbot Harriers and running club members will be

hitting the road alongside other ABMU colleagues.

On their way to Swansea the team will be calling in at Neath Port Talbot Hospital and Port Talbot Cricket Club, to pick up other runners who don't want to tackle the entire 24 miles.

Lisa says the idea is that everybody – no matter how far they have run – finishes the event which is raising money

to support the work of Maggie's, together.

Lisa also hopes to boost the final total by auctioning a signed rugby ball donated by the Ospreys.

If you would like more information about the run or want to bid for the ball, contact Lisa on 07815 951037 or email lisa.phillips@wales.nhs.uk or to donate to their total go www.justgiving.com/maggiesrunners.

Cadoxton WI hear what's in store this year

MONDAY, April 18 was the annual meeting for Cadoxton WI.

The president welcomed Jane Excel who is the new advisor and liaison officer and Jane officiated over the evening's proceedings.

Two members retired and two new members were appointed.

The secretary gave her annual report detailing all of the events that Cadoxton had taken part in during the last year.

The president outlined

her hopes for the forthcoming year, and thanked the committee and members for their loyal support.

There were several invites from other WIs as well as the ongoing programme. The raffles were won by Gail Summerell and Audrey Stansfield.

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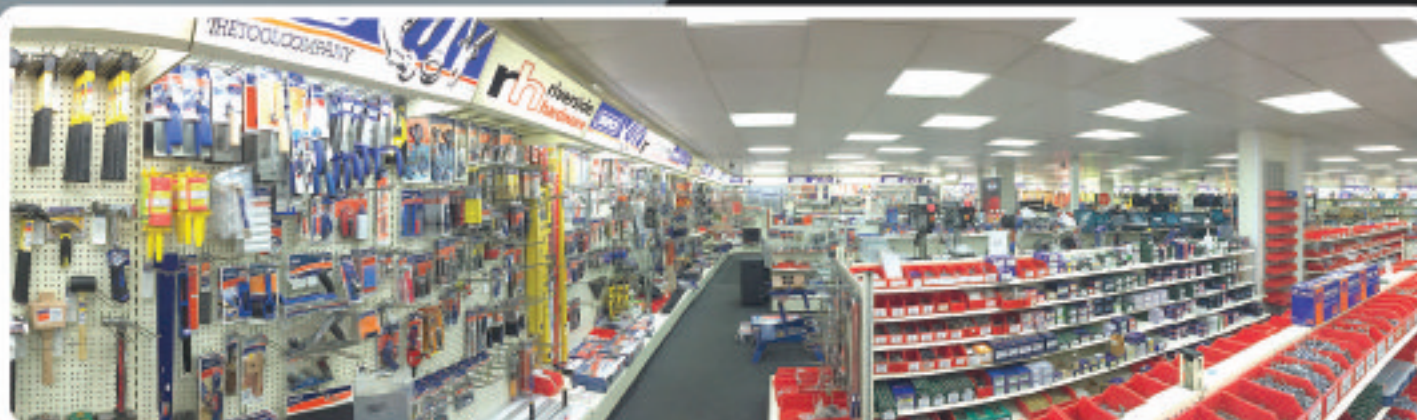
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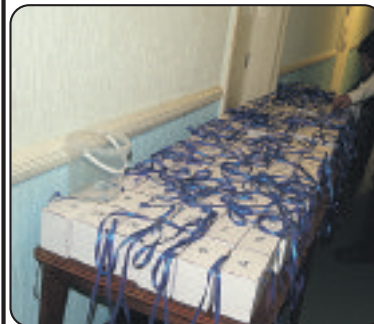
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Romilly Old Boys get together a final time



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ROMILLY Old Boys' 50th anniversary
reunion was held on Friday, April 8, at
Cadoxton Conservative Club, Weston
Square, Barry.

It was a great opportunity for friends from
many years ago to meet up once more and
reminisce about the good old days. It may be
the final reunion as it takes quite a bit to
organise.

However, keep an eye out in The GEM over
the coming weeks, because organiser Alan
Kingdon and the old boys are promising to
make some donations to a local school in
honour of the 50th anniversary.



'You don't look any older!' Friends catch up on all the news at the latest Romilly reunion



ROMILLY Old Boys' 50th anniversary reunion drew people from far and wide and as you can see from all the smiles, the guys had a great time

Thanks go to the organisers and Vicky Mortimer-Brown who took all the images of the evening.



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'As summer approaches, parks and open spaces in Vale are benefitting from Council investment'

READERS of this week's GEM should already be aware of the latest exciting development at Barry Island.

The resort continues to go from strength to strength and its ongoing resurgence, sparked by the regeneration programme led by the Vale Council, has now brought the first open top bus service to the resort for 20 years.

Since we began our work to bring Barry

Island back to its best we have always been mindful of the need to improve transport links.

This is why the council has improved the road layout, enhanced parking provision, established a park and ride service, and of course brought forward the construction of the new link road.

It is also why we have worked with the operator of the new open-topped bus service to bring the route to the Island and provide yet another way for visitors to access the resort,

perhaps even with the wind in their hair!

The past month has also seen another important development for the Vale's transport network.

I have often referred in this column to the ways in which the Vale Council works with other public organisations and the voluntary sector to help our resident's access the services they need.

The launch of the community transport scheme that will serve the new Dinas Powys Medical Centre is another excellent example of this partnership working.

As many GEM readers will know the new centre has now opened, and it will serve 10,000 residents in a modern, high quality facility that will enable the delivery of first class care services to the local area.

During the consultation process that preceded the building of the new centre, one of the most common concerns raised was the difficulty that some residents may have in getting to the new site.

I was delighted therefore when our transport team presented

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NEIL MOORE
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me with a plan to address this perceived obstacle.

From this month, in order to help local residents to reach the new centre, the Vale Council and Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern (DPVC) will be working in partnership to provide free transport to the medical centre.

Any Dinas Powys resident will be able to call on the service, which is being provided using a vehicle purchased by the council and driven by DPVC volunteers.

The service will be available every weekday morning to transport residents to pre-booked appointments. Then, in the afternoons, the vehicle will be made

available to members of Greenlinks, the council's community transport scheme, which anyone can join.

In other news, as well as green links there will be many more green fingers in the Vale over the next few months as the council's seasonal summer parks team begin their work.

On top of the six award-winning 'Green Flag' parks, there are scores of other play areas and green spaces across the Vale.

These require considerable upkeep during the summer months to keep them looking their best and I am confident that this year's team will enthusiastically meet that challenge.

Two parks that will certainly be looking

better than ever this summer are Victoria Park and Hatch Quarry in Barry.

As regular GEM readers will already have seen, Victoria Park has had a full restoration of its iconic bandstand and I was recently at the opening of a new play area in the Hatch Quarry.

With so many green spaces across the Vale valued by our residents, we are of course not stopping at these two.

Over the course of last year and during 2016 a long list of parks and play areas will see the benefits of council investment. I look forward to updating readers via this column as our work progresses, and seeing even more families enjoying these fantastic spaces.

Finally, I would like to use this month's column to make GEM readers aware of a significant change in how they can access information on the care and support services available to them as Vale of Glamorgan residents.

The Social Services and Well Being (Wales) Act came into effect on April 6, 2016, and this new law gives everyone in Wales a greater say in the care and support they receive, and also places a greater

emphasis on promoting people's independence to give them a stronger voice.

With more people needing care and support in Wales, the country as a whole needs to work more effectively to deliver social services.

In the future the provision of care will involve local authorities, health boards and the third sector organisations working in partnership to provide information, support and services to those in need.

An important part of the Act is to provide improved access through an

'Information, Advice and Assistance Service' that will enable people to access the right help, at the right time.

One of the ways in which the Vale Council

will achieve this is by providing access to a national resource directory called Dewis Cymru via our website.

The Dewis Cymru directory will give people easy access to accurate information at any time.

It will be available throughout the whole of Wales and will include services provided by local authorities, health boards, third sector and the independent sector.

It really is a great resource and one that I'm sure will have a real impact in terms of helping people find the care and support that they, or their friends and family, need.

GEM readers can find out more about the impact of the Act and the Dewis Cymru search tool at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Local library can show you how to code



Fun at the coding club in Pencoed Library.

CALLING all Minecraft fans! Pencoed Library is now offering free weekly computer programming workshops for children and adults, in the first library-based coding club to be launched in the county of Bridgend.

Using the programming languages Scratch and Python, which are both ideal for beginners, a volunteer tutor and tech enthusiast will be teaching the basics involved in creating online graphics, animations, characters and computer games.

The coding club takes place from 11am to 12pm. All abilities are welcome. There are a limited number of computers and iPads available to use on a first come, first served basis, so participants are advised to bring their own laptop or tablet with them.

For further information, contact Pencoed Library on 01656 754840.

TV licensing reminder to all caravan owners

WITH many people about to flock to holiday hotspots across the Vale and Bridgend county borough over the May bank holiday, TV Licensing is reminding people to check they are correctly licensed, as some caravan owners will need a second TV licence.

Although the majority of UK homes are correctly licensed, holidaymakers who plan to watch or record live TV in their static caravan or mobile home

will need a second licence if TV receiving equipment is in use at both addresses at the same time.

If a TV set or other equipment is never in use at both locations at the same time, one licence will cover both addresses.

Touring caravans and motor-homes are covered by the TV licence at the holder's home address and so do not require an additional licence.

You can find out if you need a licence, buy one or tell us if your details have changed on our website www.tvlicensing.co.uk/info.

Six candidates standing in Vale for the National Assembly for Wales

LAWRENCE Andrews, UKIP Wales; Denis Campbell, Welsh Liberal Democrats/Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru; Ross England, Welsh Conservative Party; Alison Haden, Wales Green Party/Plaid Werdd Cymru; Jane Hutt, Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru; Ian Johnson, Plaid Cymru – The Party of Wales.

The election is being held on May 5 from 7am to 10pm.

Leicester's Restaurant receives prestigious award

LEICESTER'S Restaurant at the Great House Hotel in Laleston, Bridgend, under the direction of head chef Thomas Heaney, has been voted Best Hotel Restaurant 2016 for the whole of Wales.

The annual award was made by the prestigious Food and Drink Awards Wales, hosted by Creative Oceanic.

Brackla PACT meeting today

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Cheadle's biopic is Miles Ahead of the pack

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DON CHEADLE has developed a reputation for being one of the most consistent and impressive performers in recent times (even including his dodgy 'Lahndahn' accent in the Oceans films), but the actor has yet to take his talents

behind the camera – at least, until now.

Cheadle's passion project has been a biopic of jazz musician Miles Davis, considered one of the most influential musicians of the 20th century, and it reaches cinemas in *Miles Ahead*. As well as directing, Cheadle plays Davis in a story set in the 1970s.

When Davis is approached by journalist Dave Brill (Ewan McGregor) for an interview, Davis takes Brill on a journey to retrieve master tapes that he believes to be his, Criss-crossing between this tale and his past, the film tells the story of how Davis became the icon he is today...

The passion project can either be a blessing or a curse, a huge success or a gigantic disaster. For Don Cheadle, *Miles Ahead* is pressure enough, not to mention that he is in the director's chair for the

first time – would this be another case of actor's folly?

Thankfully it isn't – what it is, instead, is a shaggy dog biopic, a film that gives you a glimpse into the craziness of Miles Davis' life without resorting to a formulaic, A-Z of the genre, enlivened no end by enjoyable performances and Cheadle's stylish and invigorating direction.

It's not a film that digs too deeply below the surface – there are no clips of a young Miles making his formative steps in learning to play the trumpet, the sort of thing that are ten a penny in most biopics.

Instead, using the template of latter-day Miles and Dave Brill's caper to retrieve the stolen master tapes, we have a framework that Cheadle and fellow screenwriter Steve Baigleman use to weave in moments from Davis' past, most notably his

relationship with wife Francine (Emayatzy Corinealdi), and seeing how we get to latter-day Miles.

It's a fresh take on what could have been a very staid and dry film, but Cheadle's direction is another of the trump cards played here. The film moves around with a confidence and ease of pace that belies the fact that this is Cheadle's first time behind the camera.

Having worked with some of the top directors, he certainly isn't short of inspiration, but if you were going to pin down one influence that comes across it would have to be Steven Soderbergh, and the way the camera just meanders through film with a languid feel.

For a film about a jazz musician (a description Davis certainly wouldn't approve of), there is much of that music's feel in Cheadle's direction, the editing

and composition of the film giving an air of improvisation and detached cool that marks out Cheadle as a director with real potential.

The performances are extremely enjoyable, with Cheadle chief as the irascible genius; whether it's in Davis' earlier years, as we see him cajole and persuade Francine to curtail her own ambitions for him, or the later years as his frustration at the music industry and those trying to benefit off his back, Cheadle is quietly magnetic, delivering a wonderful turn.

Ewan McGregor enjoys himself in a freewheeling role as the

comically duplicitous journalist who goes wherever the story is with scant concern for the impact it has on others, while Emayatzy Corinealdi is strong as the love of Davis' life and the always-watchable Michael Stuhlbarg as a seedy manager who finds himself embroiled with Davis.

If the film has a fault it's only that the flashback sequences lack the fizz and life of the framing narrative, that the clichés you so often find in these films are more apparent here than elsewhere.

However, it's a small complaint about what is, on the whole, a fun

and engagingly delivered story about one of music's true geniuses.

VERDICT: A superb telling of an interesting life, *Miles Ahead* captures the liberated and loose personality of the subject matter wonderfully well, in what is an auspicious debut for Don Cheadle behind the camera. He's pretty impressive in front of it as well, and while it perhaps doesn't dig too deep, it still works as an unconventional look at the life of Miles Davis. *Recommended.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Get On Up* (2014), *I'm Not There* (2007).

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D928.

● £2,000: 545727.
● The rollover, which is currently £5,000, was not won this week.

● £10: 267448, 594873, 579800, 350238, 102285, 864447, 401689, 940670, 616958, 736683, 785140, 853899, 698745, 526804, 598280, 598988, 000737, 000632, 001397, 1985416.

● £5: 294011, 548658, 143942, 403625, 611393, 580431, 767477, 285440, 159990, 569808,

933009, 162468, 524173, 112840, 286437, 808602, 330971, 924603, 111249, 416632, 764895, 790535, 361777, 403058, 228338, 356396, 361197, 815253, 975391, 326143, 748456, 182878, 891060, 209962, 707326, 542959, 569660, 282104, 152150, 478975, 725543, 520671, 524465, 129838, 800723, 992001, 453893, 723247, 374534, 117096, 727779, 249997, 555158, 000123, 000730, 1818119, 1984995.

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For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

Best foot forward for the Walking Festival

THIS month, **Valeways**, supported by the Vale and Barry Town Councils, will greet the Spring with the 2016 Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival in this, the charity's 20th birthday year.

Vale residents and visitors alike are welcome to join in a host of themed walks through the spectacular coastal paths and country lanes of Glamorgan. From

May 19–22, whether you're interested in wildlife, geology, family fun, art, heritage and history, or just plain walking, there'll be a trail for you.

Valeways chairman, Phil Gibbins, said: "There's so much variety; we'll be hosting two events which harmonise, as it were, with the Vale Music Festival; so you can start or finish your walk with a concert.

"Or if you've always wanted to wander where the dinosaurs roamed,

you get your chance with a guided geological trail at Lavernock, a big favourite.

"Other highlights include a bi-lingual Welsh/English family fun trail and a bird-spotting session around Cosmeston. There'll be plenty of history and heritage events, and, for something completely different, there's the entirely self-explanatory Vale ale trail.

"The guided walks are completely free – they range from under two miles to over eight miles, everyone is welcome, there's no need to book – just turn up and go!

"People should check the mileage of the walk, to ensure they'll be comfortable with completing it," said Phil.

"And, of course, we do tell people to wear appropriate footwear and come equipped for rain or shine. Then, just enjoy spectacular landscape, stories of the Vale, and friendly company.

"We had a great turnout last year, and this year – when we reach the grand old age of 20 – we hope for record participation."

For full programme go to: www.valeofglamorganwalkingfestival.org.uk /phone Valeways 01446 749000. For further information, contact Penny Fell 01446 781383 or Carolyn Gully at 01446 749000.

WHAT'S ON, AND WHERE IN THE AREA?

Fundraising for the RNLI

THE RNLI spring coffee morning will be held at All Saints' church hall, Penarth on Saturday, April 30 from 10.30am – 12pm.

Cakes, souvenirs, bottles, bric-a-brac and a raffle: all are welcome, £1 entry.

Author signing in Penarth

GRIFIN Books in Penarth has its monthly late night shopping evening tonight (Thursday, April 28). This month the shop welcomes guest author and Penarth resident Cal Bartley, who will be discussing and signing copies of her recent novel *Strong Undercurrents*.

Entry is free and refreshments will be provided – all are welcome.

Cowbridge Art Society

ON Thursday, April 28 the art society has a change in programme and is now holding a still life drawing/painting session.

On Thursday, May 5 there is a demonstration of oil painting techniques by Penarth artist Sheridan Ward (see www.sheridanward.com).

CAS welcomes artists of any ability and also non-artists who would like to see demonstrations of various art techniques or attend illustrated lectures. We meet on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge 7pm – 9pm and occasional visitors and new members are most welcome.

For details of the society's activities see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com

Zumbathon at KPC!

COME along for a fun Saturday morning on April 30 from 10am – 1pm for the KPC Zumbathon, at Kenfig Hill RFC.

Do as much, or as little as you want; sponsor forms available. Tickets £6 in advance or £7 on the door, under-12s £3.

For more information call 01656 749219 or kpcyouth@hotmail.com.

Barry War Museum

THE museum at Barry Island railway station will be open from 11am – 4pm on Saturday, April 30, Sunday, May 1 and Monday, May 2.

The museum is also open every Wednesday 2pm – 4pm. The photograph of the American 'doughboys' on King Square is well worth inspection!

The Barry at War Group is still looking for a 1940s-era stove and a wash boiler for our wartime kitchen – could you help at all?

Lions' May Fayre

THE Porthcawl Lions' May Fayre takes place on Bank Holiday Monday, May 2, from 11am – 4pm at All Saints Church, Victoria Avenue, Porthcawl.

Stalls, bouncy castle, dog show at 1.15pm, teddy bears' picnic from 2pm–3pm. All proceeds to local and national charities.

Flautissimo perform
THE Southampton flute orchestra will be playing at All Saints' Church, Victoria Square, Penarth, on May 2 at 1pm. Entry is free. Bring your

lunch, teas/coffees provided.

A concert on Monday, May 9 will feature Nigel Lloyd-Layham.

TeleV project

THE TeleV Project aims to improve quality of life by helping vulnerable people manage the risks of living in their own homes, with a simple device.

Find out more on Tuesday, May 3 (10am – 12 midday) at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Coffee morning – a day at the seaside?

COME join us for a walk down memory lane on Friday, May 6 at the Y Centre, John Street, Porthcawl (Porthcawl Museum) from 10.30am to 12pm – bring your sun hats, sunglasses, knotted handkerchiefs and any photos you have of yourselves enjoying a day at the seaside – we would love to see them!

Entry £1.50 at the door, to include tea/coffee and cake. There will also be a raffle, tombola and themed quiz.

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Plaid want more details on the reorganisation of secondary schools

PLAID Cymru have called for more detailed information after the Vale Council announced a change of plan for the future of secondary schools in Barry.

In October last year, it was suggested that Ysgol Bro Morgannwg would be expanded, and that Barry Boys Comprehensive would, in effect, merge with Bryn Hafren to create a new mixed English-medium school.

After the plans were presented, an advisory board was set up, with representatives from the three schools affected, and the result of their deliberations was presented to the Vale Council's lifelong learning scrutiny committee last week.

The report agreed in principle that the preferred option was to:

- Expand Ysgol Bro Morgannwg on its current site with a new entrance from Port Road;
- Build a brand new 11-18 mixed sex school on the site of Barry Comprehensive School;
- Create a modern, 11-18 mixed sex school by refurbishing and modernising the Bryn Hafren buildings.

Coun Chris Franks said: "The

Plaid group has been concerned to see standards rise in the English Medium secondary schools for many years.

"So the continued delay in modernising the buildings has been very frustrating. However, simply reorganising Barry Comprehensive and Bryn Hafren is not enough in itself."

He said that Plaid members were concerned about how pupils would be protected from disruption during the building programme.

He said: "The proposal to spend £900,000 on environmental improvements, including redecorations, was interesting. It was made clear at the meeting that Barry Comprehensive would be totally demolished."

"The council will have to show that spending this sum for such a short period before demolition is value for money. Plaid also wants to know what physical improvement will take place at Bryn Hafren."

"A big question is what will be the final costs. Parents will need to be reassured on this vital matter."

"Let's be blunt the results from these schools must improve. For too long a time pupils have not fully benefited from educational opportunities."

Celebrate 'Yarn Shop Day' (in Dinas) April 30

WHETHER you're a crochet expert, novice knitter, or just fancy trying out a new craft, don't miss Yarn Shop Day.

On April 30, the third annual Yarn Shop Day will take place in knitting and craft stores across the country, and local business the White Gecko Craft Lounge in Dinas Powys is just one of the many stores delighted to be involved.

The event has been organised by leading publications *Let's Knit* and *Let's Get Crafting* in a bid to celebrate Britain's much-loved independent wool shops.

"We're very happy to be taking part," said Siân Morse of the White Gecko Craft Lounge.

"Yarn crafting is really growing in popularity, and customers rely on their local yarn shop for more than just needles and

wool.

"Our shop offers a range of craft goodies and workshops plus coffee and cake – it's the ideal place to get advice and to feel part of a crafting community."

On Saturday, April 30, the White Gecko Craft Lounge will be holding 'The Great Camms Corner Gecko Hunt', plus knitting and crochet classes and a charity bake sale.

"We are looking forward to welcoming customers old and new through the door, and hope our local knitters and crocheters will get involved."

Last year over 200 outlets across the country took part in the day which proved to be a great success.

Let's Knit editor Sarah Neal commented: "There was a fantastic buzz among participating stores, and many shops reported one of their best

ever days of trading.

"This year's event will be even bigger and better, so if you're a crafter who has neglected your local yarn shop in the past then it's definitely the day to pay them a visit and see what they have to offer you."

Yarn Shop Day is supported by leading names in the knitting and crochet industry. For more information visit www.letsknit.co.uk/yarnshopday.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Valeways walks

ON Sunday, May 1 at 2.30pm, 'Around Ancient Llanblethian', starting at Cowbridge cattle market car park (SS 992747).

On Tuesday, May 3 at 10am, Crwydro, Gorsaf Rheilffordd, Ynys y Barry.

Also on May 3 at 1.30pm, 'Tinkinswood from Dyffryn', starting at Dyffryn House visitor car park.

On Wednesday, May 4 at 10.30am, the Coffee Shop Strollers of Barry meet at Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap, Barry.

Spring fayre
THE Parish of Merthyr Dyfan is holding a spring fayre on Saturday, May 7 from 2pm-4pm in St Paul's Community Hall.

There will be a raffle (first prize £50), hampers, cake stall, bric-a-brac, bottles stall and refreshments.

bring prizes for this.

May I suggest unwanted wedding or birthday presents which we can discreetly get rid of, so that no-one is offended?

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'Ride with the Pride' Velindre fundraiser memory of Richard

VELINDRE Fundraising is delighted to announce the official launch of 'Ride with the Pride', its latest overseas challenge.

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After a hard day's cycling, riders will also have the opportunity to relax in their hotel and watch Lions matches against the Crusaders and Highlanders with players who have actually experienced these types of matches. The ride finishes close to Rotorua where the final Saturday game against the Maori will be played.

The first test match takes place in Auckland



the following week.

Mike Hall, who is a patron at Velindre, said: "I've been fortunate enough to take part in three overseas challenges for Velindre over the past few years; but this ride is particularly poignant as I, along with my close friends Paul Guy, Peter Knight and Andy Martin, will be cycling without our great friend Richard Crane, who sadly passed away in October after battling this awful disease."

"We will certainly

not be lacking for any motivation to complete this challenge, and we would urge anyone who likes rugby, cycling, or just want to take part in a once in a lifetime event for a fantastic cause to sign up straight away as spaces are limited."

Andrew Morris, head of fundraising at Velindre, said: "Ride with the Pride promises to be one of the most spectacular events we have ever organised. It's a breathtaking route and we are really pleased to have such fantastic names to lead the ride."

"If you are interested in finding out more, email info@velindrefundraising.com or phone 02920 316211."

The New Zealand Ride with the Pride bike ride takes place from June 9 to 19, 2017, registration for the trek is £200 and participants will be required to raise a minimum of £7,000.

VALE PLUS, an independent day service provider based in Barry and Llantwit Major, is one of the charities Soroptimist International Barry and District is supporting this year.

Bet Francis, on behalf of the members, recently had the very pleasant task of presenting Steve Thomas, one of the founder members, with a cheque for £830 raised at a fundraising Welsh evening, together with a cheque for £100, donated by the Canton Male Voice Choir, who performed at the event.

A group of members spent a very enjoyable and uplifting morning at ValePlus and were extremely impressed with the happy and caring environment. Steve thanked the club for its welcome donations, which represented a substantial contribution towards the target for their minibus appeal.

The photo shows Bet (far left), and Steve (fourth left), with club members and Soroptimists.

To find out more about the club visit www.sigbi.org/barry-and-district.

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Lifeguards are on duty this weekend

RNLI lifeguards will be on duty in Porthcawl for the first time this weekend when their service begins on two of the town's busiest beaches.

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Close to 50 club members, friends and family took part on a bright sunny morning despite a rather brisk north-westerly wind that

added a chill to the welcome sunshine.

Recent tides and strong swells had washed much of the marine litter up into the meadow and car park giving our volunteers a large area to cover. Undeterred, the team collected a significant amount of marine litter, rubbish and trash, leaving the beach and surrounding area for all to enjoy.

Marine litter has become a massive global

issue - recent studies indicating that plastic particles are being digested by marine life, which subsequently passes into the human food chain.

While the scale of the problem is global, we can all do our bit by picking up and binning litter left on our beautiful coastline.

A big thank you to all those who took part.

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Cowbridge social bingo

DESPITE the fact that several folks had started their holidays, there was quite a good turnout for the last meeting; it was a good session, which everyone enjoyed.

The next one will be held on Thursday, May 12, at 7pm for 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall of the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

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ONE real plus point of casting your eye around the Vale when you fancy dining out is the sheer range of culinary experiences on offer.

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There was a time, for instance, when restaurants were the destination of choice for fine dining, while pubs were the place to go for good old homely grub, with no fancy sauces or continental-style menus!

Pies, chips and gravy were the staples then, but the revolution in *Masterchef*-style cooking has thrown everything back into the mix.

Nowadays, if it is cutting edge cuisine that puts your saliva glands into overdrive, you will find chefs cooking with imagination and ambition in a wide range of venues.

What's more, as this revolution in cuisine has continued, there has been an overall raising of standards throughout the Vale as diners expect more when they eat out.

Whether you fancy, Italian, Oriental, barbecue, great steak, Indian, haute cuisine, tapas or simply good hearty good value food, there is something for everyone in the area.

And all that competition has had another effect too. Prices remain keen as establishments seek to attract their valued customers.

Bon appetit!



SUNDAY LUNCH AT A PUB OR RESTAURANT IS GREAT FOR GETTING THE FAMILY TOGETHER

SUNDAY lunch is a revered British institution – a time in the week when busy families and friends often decide to gather at a local restaurant or pub to spend quality time together.

The beauty of it is that everyone is relaxed and not anxious to race off to the next activity on their agenda.

It provides a welcome alternative to hours preparing Sunday lunch at home (and avoids the washing up!).

Because everyone

is relaxed, it is an ideal opportunity to catch up on all the latest family news.

Now that sunnier days have arrived, families may plan outings to a weekend leisure or sporting event, or a trip to the beach.

What better appetiser – before everyone goes their separate ways – is there than meeting up for a traditional roast, or a vegetarian or fish dish, if that's what you prefer.

In both the Vale and Bridgend areas, we are blessed with a host of high-quality establishments – some with seating outside. And as spring turns to summer there's a real

pleasure eating in the open air.

There are often children's facilities available, so the kids can play on a bouncy castle or climbing frame, while mum and dad or the grandparents relax, knowing their youngsters are safe and fully occupied!

Pubs and

restaurants offer special Sunday deals – geared to the number of courses required; while for those who are unable to get out, there are Sunday lunch delivery services.

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KNIGHTS SAY 'NAY' TO THE SCORPIONS!

IF rugby league was split into quarters, one would say that the second quarter performance from York City Knights was the reason they won the game against South Wales Scorpions.

York notched up 28 of their 40 points between the 19th and 40th minutes, and apart from that spell, the game was a fairly even affair, the Welsh going away from the game with a lot of credit and even drew the second half where it was one converted try each.

Scorpions started with some good attacking play after winning a penalty from kick-off. Two sets culminated in a cheeky grubber from Gaylor that went a bit too far for anyone to pick up.

York scored from

their first real attack in the 10th minute, as, following a penalty, Tyler Craig scored in the corner. Danny Nicklas converted.

Scorpions continued to play well for the next 10 minutes. Christiaan Roets was solid and kept out a second try, picking up a grubber from Pat Smith, while a Gaylor chip kick almost got to Emanuelli, who was pouncing and ready to score. York only just cleared up.

York's second came on 19 minutes when Harry Carter was sent under the sticks by a neat pass. Nicklas' goal made it 12-0.

That opened the floodgates. A good move for York's third try ended with Josh Tonks running through. Nicklas converted.

Kris Brining built on being dummy half and threw up to run in for York's fourth. Nicklas'

goal made it 24-0.

Two minutes before half-time, Mark Applearth stormed over for their fifth that Nicklas missed.

There was still time for Brining to score his second. Nicklas missed for the first time making it 34-0 at the break.

Scorpions' coach Phil Carleton must have given his players a stern half-time talk as the second half was a far more even affair.

York scored first, as from a penalty seven minutes after the interval, Pat Smith ran through and Nicklas converted.

The Scorpions soon struck back after a winning of penalty of their own. Roets using his strength to power over. Emanuelli converted.

They were almost over again a number of times, the closest coming when Luke Nelmes was stopped short before a nice bit of magic between Emanuelli and Dai Evans almost led to a try, but Evans was forced into touch.

York did have a few attacks near to end but a strong Scorpions defence meant that they didn't cross the line again, and it was Phil Carleton who looked happier than his opposite number James Ford at the end, despite the loss. IG

Cadoxton ladies win trophy

ON Saturday, April 23 at Sully Bowls Club, the team from Cadoxton (Barry) WI won the GFWI Bowls competition.

It is the second time the team have won and Cadoxton (Barry) WI are delighted.

The trophy will be presented at the council meeting in Port Talbot on May 10.

Well done ladies, and thank you. CW

Beth (16) to play for Wales

CONGRATULATION S to Beth Edwards of Cowbridge Comprehensive year-9.

She has been selected to play for the basketball Wales under-16 squad and will attend an international tournament in Belgium in May.

This is in preparation for the 2016 FIBA European Championships in Andorra in July. We wish her every success. Well done Beth!

BRIAN LEE

Barry RFC Seconds suffer semi-final heartbreak...

BARRY second XV travelled to the capital for a Tuesday night semi-final tie against league champions St Josephs.

The green-and-white's preparations for their third semi-final in as many seasons were not ideal, with their arrival delayed by rush-hour traffic, alongside the usual last minute withdrawals.

Coach Rhidian Scott and manager Ken Chow were forced to reshuffle the pack, which saw Jordan Clarke promoted to the starting line-up and Chris Chucas poised on the bench for his second game of the season.

The lack of preparation for the game hampered Barry early on, as it was the side from the capital which looked more threatening.

However, at this stage, the Barry defence kept their discipline and held firm for no score.

Barry began to exert their impression on the

game when strong runs by Dave Provis and Dave Williams in midfield briefly opened up the St Josephs defence, but a lack of cutting edge saw them empty-handed this period as well.

While the Barry scrum were working hard to demolish their opposition, the line-out was an altogether more random affair, and from this set piece St Josephs were allowed to build up pressure, which they ruthlessly took advantage of to score an unconverted try.

Barry came back strongly towards the end of the first half, and utilised their dominant scrum on the opposition line, only for them to choose the wrong option when their forwards were marching towards a try and the chance was gone.

That provided the momentum swing for the Cardiff side and when Barry were down to 14 men, they struck twice to put the game seemingly beyond doubt.

First, prolonged

pressure on the Barry line yielded a converted try, before a penalty kick put them 15 points clear following yet another Barry infringement.

The poor discipline by the Vale side at this point was hampering any chances of an unlikely comeback, and lesser sides would have folded with the floodgates blasted open.

Barry threw on James Sullivan for the last quarter as a last throw of the dice, and it worked instantly.

The St Josephs scrum was demolished yet again, and after Barry had won the ball against the head, incisive runs from substitutes Curtis Miller and Chucas gave Rhys O'Sullivan the opportunity from five metres out.

There was no stopping the replacement hooker as he crashed over for his second try of the season. Tiernan Scott added the extras as the momentum appeared to swing again.

Somehow Barry indiscipline - or

otherwise the official's whistle - came back to haunt them and far too often promising attacks broke down.

Barry pressed hard in the dying seconds but could not produce another score to create the thrilling finale the game deserved as they exited the Mallet Cup at the penultimate hurdle yet again.

Despite the loss the management would like to congratulate the team on their spirit and heart shown in a game with minimal preparations.

This shows how much

the side has grown since the difficult start to the season when they did not break their duck until December.

Let us hope that this momentum can continue into the upcoming season.

Team: Jones; Clarke, Provis, D Williams, Knapman; Scott, Mephram; Hall, Such, Ring, Dutton; Miles, Frenay, Goodfellow. Replacements: Sullivan, O'Sullivan, Chucas, Miller, J Williams. Man of the match: Frenay. KC

Anniversary race not to be missed

THIS year will be the 80th anniversary of the Cock o' the Bristol Channel Cutter race, inaugurated to commemorate the days when these famous craft sailed from Barry and competed to be the first to land a Pilot on ships inbound to the ports of the Bristol Channel.

The finest sailing craft of their day, most are well over 100 years old and have been preserved with such and dedication that they are still able to deal with the rugged conditions found in the Channel.

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Ships due to take part are Agnes, Mascotte, Dolphin, Olga, Jan Roelan, Alpha, and the Peggy and should make a wonderful sight off Barry.

By courtesy of Associated British Ports, it is planned that some of the boats will lock in on April 29 at 2pm to lie on

Enterprise Quay overnight before the race.

It is a rare opportunity to see close up these stunningly beautiful craft which are so much part of our town's maritime history.

The race itself, will start at 12 noon on Saturday, April 30, from a line outside Barry Harbour. The footpath around Nell's Point will provide a perfect vantage point to see the start from 11.30am onwards.

From Barry, the boats will race around Lundy Island some 60 miles to the west, then back to Barry arriving late Sunday or Monday depending on the weather conditions.

The race this year is being sponsored by Simon Winter Marine and, as is usual, the fastest in the fleet will be presented with the much coveted Barry Yacht Club Burgee emblazoned with a cockerel which is traditionally flown at the masthead, a signal to all that this boat is the fastest in the fleet for the current season, hence the name of the race.

The race will be managed by Barry Yacht Club, with race organisers Roger Donkin and Brian Dotchon. HL

Broome Lane is Chepstow winner

BROOME LANE, a seven-year-old bay mare owned by Mr Wayne Jones and trained by Tim Vaughan in the Vale, landed the Sun Trade Windows Handicap Steeplechase at Chepstow last Friday.

The only mare in the 10 runner field, as well as the youngest horse in the race, the bottom weighted Broome Lane, partnered by Tom O'Brien, swept her rivals away to win by nine lengths from Trillerin Minella at odds of 10-1.

BRIAN LEE

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Delyth's off to a good start!



Delyth Thomas' Callymay ridden by Simon Walker, winning the Purebred Arabian Handicap Stakes before a large crowd. PICTURE BY DEBBIE BURT.

THE Arabian horse racing season got under way at Chelmsford recently and one owner/trainer who got off to a good start was Aberkenfig's Delyth Thomas, who took three horses to the all-weather track and came away with two winners and a third.

Delyth hasn't been dubbed the All Weather Queen for nothing and her Callymay, at six the youngest horse in the race, ridden by top rider Simon Walker, landed the Purebred Arabian Stakes beating Vendetta. In the No Risk Al Maury Handicap Stakes, Her prolific Noble

Athlete who at 14 was the oldest horse in the race, gave Charlie Price, aged 18, his first winner in only his second ride.

Charlie, who is attached to Tim Vaughan's Aberthin yard, hails from Brecon and has had a few point-to-point rides on no-hopers but will probably be in more demand after this win.

Charlie had his first ride on Konk which finished third in one of the earlier races.

Delyth's granddaughter, Rebecca Thomas, who can be seen leading in Noble Athlete, is a singer of note and has appeared in pantomimes with Owen Money.

BRIAN LEE

CUP DELIGHT (AND HEARTBREAK) FOR THE PENARTH HOCKEY TEAMS

PENARTH'S hockey community descended on the Welsh Institute of Sport last Saturday, turning Sophia Gardens into a home away from home as three sides contested Welsh Cup finals.

Although the silverware was shared on this occasion, with only the men's first XI emerging victorious, all three sides produced battling performances against strong opposition that bode well for the future.

PENARTH 6, BANGOR UNIVERSITY 2
Penarth faced unknown opponents Bangor University in the Welsh Trophy final and, despite looking to make history by completing a memorable league and cup double, were well aware that any team that can come all the way from north Wales to beat recognised power Whitchurch on home soil would be a threat to their dream.

Penarth were quickest out of the traps and it wasn't long before their early dominance paid off. After working possession down the right, the ball eventually found its way to Ben Croxall inside the 'D'.

Despite having his back to goal, the player-coach was given far too much time to turn and unleashed an unstoppable shot into the top corner to open the scoring and settle any nerves Penarth may have had.

With the defence looking solid, it was not long before the Vale side would start to run riot, with the irresistible Laith El-Khatib next on the scoresheet, firing a low shot across goal and into the bottom corner to double the lead.

Croxall was in top form for the big day and frustrated the University players sufficiently to earn a penalty stroke following some wild tackles. Dave Joyce stepped up to take the penalty and, with minimal fuss, rifled his flick high to the 'keeper's' right.

Despite being 3-0 up and cruising, Penarth still had to rely on heroics from their own goalkeeper, Mark Harris, to keep it that way, with one Bangor penalty corner appearing destined for the top right corner before being thwarted by a flying Harris, who picked it out on the tip of his stick.

Keen to repay the favour, the Bears grabbed a fourth goal before the half was out, with El-Khatib reacting quickest when his own penalty corner was saved to put one Penarth hand on the trophy heading into the break.

Far from giving up hope, however, Bangor came out fighting in the second half and, aided early on by a string of cards that reduced Penarth to nine men,

used their numerical advantage to great effect, pulling a goal back as a reverse stick strike looped into the 'D' and was batted home by a lone attacker.

The University, spurred on by their own vocal support, now had their tails up and worked tirelessly to reduce the deficit even further, albeit in dubious circumstances as Andrew Hornby was adjudged to have made a dangerous play due to his knees being on the floor during a tackle.

The students did not waste the opportunity, converting the ensuing penalty corner despite Harris diving low to his right and getting a touch on the ball.

At 4-2, and with Penarth still short-handed, the game had well and truly burst into life, with both sets of supporters now in full voice to ramp up the atmosphere.

With the students still intent on pulling the sides closer, it was down to Penarth's returning mercurial talent, Chris Baker, to all but settle the tie. Having spent several weeks recuperating from a broken hand, he returned in style by weaving his way through the Bangor defence before slotting home a low reverse stick shot from the edge of the 'D'.

With less than 15 minutes on the clock, the game was all but over, but that did not stop the Bears from pushing to the end. As the students grew increasingly frustrated at not being able to complete their comeback, Penarth were awarded another penalty stroke and, this time, Tyrone Moore stepped up to score his first goal for the club and spark jubilant celebrations that lasted long into the night.

PENARTH A 1, SWANSEA UNIVERSITY A 3
Penarth's second XI had the enviable task of opening the finals weekend just hours after the Welsh national team had hosted France on the same pitch.

The Bears had little time to settle themselves as the bouncy surface and pressure applied by a younger side hunting in numbers forced early errors.

The nerves were settled as they took the lead against the run of play. Nathan Townsend made a crucial tackle in his own half before firing an accurate 50 yard ball to find Sam Chick to the left of the Swansea area.

Shaking off his markers before entering the 'D', Chick could have tried his luck on goal but, instead of attempting a shot, played an unselfish pass to Dave Watkins who, despite a last ditch dive by a Swansea defender, rounded the keeper and hit the backboard to give Penarth an unexpected advantage.

This spurred Swansea into redoubling their efforts. Penarth goalkeeper Jason Harris had already

pulled off several important saves, while the central defensive duo of Craig Llewellyn and Jamie Davison – despite the latter taking a ball to the knee – made tackle after tackle while having the composure to feed the ball into the midfield, allowing James Kerr-Smith and David Kidby to apply pressure of their own.

Unfortunately for Penarth, however, the defensive effort would eventually be breached, if only from a set-piece, as the students finally made a series of penalty corners count to bring the scores level late in the first half.

The Bears began the second half brightly, with James Kidby making unselfish runs to pull the Swansea defenders to all areas of the pitch. The University, however, kept coming forward in numbers, and the relentless pace eventually ensured that tiredness kicked in and Penarth were to concede two quick goals that effectively put the game beyond doubt midway through the half.

Fresh legs were brought on as captain Matthew Birch returned to replace the hard-working David Kidby, and youngsters Sam and Morgan Salisbury made their bow alongside Graeme Jones.

Their introduction helped put Swansea on the back foot for the final 10 minutes and, with Townsend replacing Harris in an effort to throw more bodies forward, a final burst of energy from Watkins, Chick and James Kidby produced a late flurry of penalty corners.

Swansea defended these well, however, and the game ended 3-1 to the younger University team.

PENARTH LADIES A 1, CARDIFF UNIVERSITY MEDICS 3

Penarth ladies second XI had their Welsh Trophy final sandwiched between the two men's games, but retained a large - and vocal - crowd as they took on Cardiff University Medics first XI.

Perhaps as was to be expected, the student side, which had comfortably won the division contested by both teams, proved to be too strong on the day, and two goals late in the first half left Penarth chasing the game.

It was a task the Vale side rose to, refusing to buckle under constant pressure with the back line of Gail Humphries, Debbie Evans, Aislinn Cooper and Shirley Karseras getting through a tremendous amount of work as they dealt with a dynamic Medics side.

Goalkeeper Becca Egerstrom, on her last appearance for Penarth before heading to university, also played her part in frustrating the student side, pulling off some strong saves in both halves, but was powerless to prevent the Medics from adding a third goal midway through the second period to put the game beyond Penarth's reach.

Once again, however, it was the Bears' credit that they continued to try and take the game to their opponents and they were rewarded with the final goal of the match as Dutch striker Meike Westers pulled one back after a great break and cross from forward partner Gabby Williams.

After coming close to promotion during the regular season, Saturday's performance, while disappointing, will further instil confidence in the Penarth side heading into the summer break, when coach Dafydd Tomos begins his second year in charge.

Although league and cup competitions are now over for the 2015-16 season, hockey will continue through the summer, with the men's veterans side, in particular, having a full schedule of fixtures and tournaments to fill the break before the 2016-17 season gets underway.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability. Training will resume at Stanwell School ahead of the new season, with details to be confirmed.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact either player-coach Ben Croxall (b_croxall20@yahoo.co.uk) or club secretary Dave Stevens (d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

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The Barry and District league tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

West End 6, Cadroxton Cons 9; Rhose Social 6, Liberals 9; Moors Boys 7, West End Runaways 8.
League table: Liberals 174, Rhose Social 171, Wyndham Cons 170, West End 167, West End Runaways 166, Cadroxton Cons 155, Moors Boys 152.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Sea View B 6, Cambrian Flyers 1; King William XII 6, Rugby Club 1; Allsorts 1, Rhose Social B 6; Slammers 5, Rhose Social A 2; Rhose Social C 1, Barries Boys 6; West End D 7, Liberals A 0.
League table: Sea View B 117.5, West End D 102.5, Barries Boys 93.5, Rugby Club 89.5, King William XII 86.5, Rhose Social B 80, Rhose Social A 79, Slammers 78, West End C 77.5, Allsorts 77.5, Rhose Social C 62.5, Liberals A 61, Rhose Social C 61, Cambrian

Flyers 53.5.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Rhose Social C 1, Cadroxton Cons B 4; Harbour B 4, Market Street C 1; Rhose Social B 3, Caddy Allstars 2; West End C 3, Cadroxton Cons Z 2; Penarth Cons B 3, Wyndham Cons A 2.

League table: Harbour B 96, Savoy A 92, Cadroxton Cons B 83, Wyndham Cons A 68, West End C 64, *Cadroxton Cons Z 59, Caddy Allstars 49, Rhose Social B 49, Rhose Social C 48, Penarth Cons B 44, Market Street C 39.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Cadroxton Cons A 3, Wyndham Cons C 2; Savoy B 3, West End A 2; Liberators 5, Wyndham Cons D 0; West End B 2, Market Street B 3; Penarth Cons A 2, Sully Sports A 3.

League table: Services Social B 84, Liberators 82, Penarth Cons A 78, Savoy B 77, Market Street B 75, Wyndham Cons C 66, Cadroxton Cons A 61, Sully Sports A 51, West End A 51, Wyndham Cons D 38, West End B 37 (* = points deducted).

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JW

Mini Bombers win in Worcester!

A trip up the M50 took Barry RFC under-11s to the Sixways Stadium to compete in the Worcester Warriors tournament.

The day started brightly with team manager Hannah Prosser securing the use of WRU team bus, much to the appreciation of the players and supporters.

The draw for the group stage saw Barry matched with Hereford, Ledbury and the hosts Worcester, with the top two progressing to the knock out stages of the cup.

Hereford were the first opposition and the Bombers wasted no time with Jady Rowley breaking from the halfway line with the opening try in the first attack of the game.

The bus journey had obviously not affected Barry, whose handling and quick ruck recycling saw Hereford on the end of six further first half tries shared between Charlie Hurdman, Andrew Szuchnik, Wil Humphreys and Rowley once again.

The second half saw changes with Morgan Deyes, Jack Bryant and Malachy McIntyre coming off the bench and the dominance continued with scores from Cameron Williams and Jady Rowley.

Williams was replaced by Cole Dollan after his score halfway through the second half and Barry had started with a bang, racking up 10 tries to leave a score of Barry 50, Hereford 0.

In the next game Danny Alderman was handed a starting place and Worcester were sure to put up more of a fight at their home ground.

It took some slick handling

from the Bombers to release Szuchnik out wide who outpaced the defence for a try.

Barry's speed at the breakdown was again proving a problem for the English side and Cai Beasley's service from scrum half allowed Flynn Baker to distribute along the backline and free up Rowley and Hurdman for tries.

The Barry defence was finally breached after turning over at a maul for Worcester to score, but that was to be the last of the game and Barry again ran out winners, 15-5.

So it was now a play-off for top spot in the group with Ledbury in the final game.

With the Bombers already assured a place in the knock stages they seemed to take their foot off the gas and produced a very tame display, with Ledbury dominating every facet of the game.

A scoreless first half then saw Ledbury run in two unanswered tries and the Bombers were to finish as runners-up in the group and would play the winners of Group B – Bridgenorth.

After a chat from the coaches and a break for refuelling, the Bombers once again found the rugby that they showed in the first two games.

In a game against a side that racked up 17 tries in three group games, the Barry defence needed to be strong and Evan Prosser, Morgan Dancy and Cameron Williams put in some bruising hits that rocked the Bridgenorth players.

With the backline again on song and support from forwards that were enjoying the challenge, a try from Prosser and two more from Williams saw the Bombers in the final.

The final saw the Bombers with a chance to avenge Ledbury's earlier defeat as they won the second semi-final and set up what was sure to be an entertaining encounter.

The physicality was apparent from the opening whistle with both sides trying to stamp their mark on the game.

Barry opened the scoring with Rowley's trademark pace seeing him break the Ledbury line for a clear run in. Baker had a deserved try of his own after setting up so many throughout the day to put the Bombers 10-0 ahead at half-time.

Ledbury came out to turn the game on its head in the second half with two tries of their own to level the scores.

With possession at a premium the Barry forwards provided quick ball for Humphreys to regain the lead with a try but a break by the Ledbury winger, who hugged the touchline as closely as possible, levelled the scores once again.

Williams, who had been awesome all day, came up with some barnstorming runs late in the game and crossed to give Barry a five point lead.

Ledbury now threw the kitchen sink at Barry and the defence was up to it, with massive hits from Prosser, Baker, Humphreys and Williams repelling the English runners.

Barry turned over possession, Humphreys kicked the ball to touch and the Bombers took the silverware back over the border to Wales. This is a fitting reward to end a season for a group of very talented and tight-knit players.

Well done mini Bombers!

CP

Millwood are defeated in friendly game

MILLWOOD hosted Romilly to the first of the season's games on a green that was a bit on the heavy side as well as having a bit more moss than usual, but it did not spoil a fairly close match, the final score 21-10 in Romilly's favour.

Although Millwood only managed to win with rink 4, the outcome of the game was a narrow win by four shots to Romilly.

After five ends had been played, Romilly had taken a very healthy 10-24 shot lead, which after 10 ends had increased to a 27-14 lead.

Millwood seemed to have been in this position quite a few times last

season, but still managed to pull something back. Could it happen again?

On the 15th end end Millwood had clawed back quite a few shots and were only trailing now by seven shots at 48-55. Was there going to be a dramatic final twist to this game?

At the final 21st end the result was a close 67-71 win for Romilly. Well done to all who participated.

It was nice to welcome some new members to Millwood who had come from Romilly, and to play against some ex-Millwood players, so a keen rivalry added a bit of spice to the match, but I'm sure that didn't spoil the occasion.

The usual post-match hospitality was enjoyed by all players.

BH

Excitement for new season at Barry Central

AFTER a great deal of hard work by members during the close season, the new season at Barry Central Bowls Club is being looked forward to with a great deal of anticipation.

After handing out many flyers, the men's section will start the new season with a number of new members. If there are any further men - or women - interested in taking up bowls, please do not hesitate to visit the club, where members will advise them.

On Saturday, April 16, the men's team travelled to the Murch, Dinas Powys, for its first game of the new season.

It proved to be a daunting experience for the team, as only one rink managed to draw. However, the new players acquitted themselves very well and will obviously learn from the defeat.

Rink results were: D. Goddard 17-20; T. Goddard 18-18; T. Kaged 9-29 and K. Tanner 9-42.

This week, the team will be playing at the Millwood, Barry.

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Dinas' clash with Llantrisant goes down to the wire

A sun-drenched Common provided perfect conditions for running rugby, and the crowd that gathered were rewarded with a humdinger of a match between Dinas Powys RFC and Llantrisant RFC, the result of which was decided in the final minutes of the contest.

The visitors from Llantrisant dominated the early period of the contest and after a series of rolling mauls, the inevitable try was scored.

The home side were finally getting into the contest as they enjoyed a period of possession in the visitors' 22-metre area. The try-scoring opportunity was wasted as a two-man overlap was squandered by the throwing of a long miss pass that was intercepted by the visitors' right wing, who raced 95 metres to score a try that was converted.

After a quarter of the contest the home side were trailing by 12 points and facing an uphill challenge against an accomplished Llantrisant side.

The visitors had a full back with a huge boot who gained huge territory, a faultless lineout and were a well-drilled unit with an accomplished set of three-quarters.

The response from the Villagers during the remainder of the first half was a period of exhilarating running rugby that saw them run in three stunning tries, resulting in 19 unanswered points.

The quality of the interplay during this period was outstanding as the home side ran the ball from all areas of the pitch, outside half Ben White controlling the game masterfully and centre Bryn Evans giving his forwards a target to rampage over, producing fast quality ball for the excellent scrum half Sam Middlemiss.

The Villagers opened their account with a try from full back Rhys Evans following fine interplay between White and Tom Davies, allowing Evans to cross in the left corner.

The home side were rampant and a hurried clearance kick by the visitors saw full back Evans beat the first tackler with a burst of pace before kicking over the advancing defenders, regathering the ball and scoring under the posts.

The final try of the first half was the finest try seen on the Common this season; White ran from deep in his own half, the ball was passed between forwards Gareth Williams and Lewis Dunleavy, who returned the ball to White to cross for a sensational try in the right-hand corner.

The outside half, enjoying his finest performance of the season, converted his try from the touchline and the Villagers led by 19-12 at half-time.

The visitors levelled the score after 10 minutes of the restart, as their scrum half crossed for a try that was converted after a sustained period of pressure.

The second half was a tense

affair, played in good spirit as two well-matched, accomplished sides strove for victory.

Strong carries by flanker Ryan Shallish and Huw Thomas saw the Villagers start to gain the territorial advantage that drew the penalty which allowed the home side to take the lead through the boot of White as the game entered the final quarter.

The defensive display from the home side during this final period assured victory as huge tackles by number 8 Josh Dunleavy and skipper Rhys Gambold prevented further scoring by the visitors.

The climax of the game saw the Villagers enjoy a sustained period of pressure as the forwards drove towards the touchline, but chances were not taken as final passes were not thrown or went astray.

Victory was finally guaranteed as the ball was moved sweetly along the backs to release the admirable Tom Davies on the right wing to cross in the corner in the final minute of the game.

A stunning bonus-point-gaining victory against a side that are pushing for promotion will hopefully allow the youthful home side to push for a strong finish to the season.

Congratulations to the Dingoes on gaining victory over Fairwater in the semi-final of the Mallett Cup, earning themselves an outing at Cardiff Arms Park on Friday, May 13.

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VALE HORSE WINS AT LYDSTEP

NORTHGEORGE, an eight-year-old bay gelding owned by Talygarn's Steve Young, trained by Merthyr Mawr's Jonathan Tudor and ridden by Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft, finished one-and-a-half lengths ahead of stable companion Mumbles Pier (Richard Patrick) when winning the three-and-a-half miles west Wales Area Club Members' Conditions Race at the Tivyside and Carmarthenshire Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Lydstep near Tenby on Sunday.

Tudor, a former leading rider himself, said: "He a tough old horse and this was his ninth race of the season. This is the first time I have had a winner and the second in the same race."

The day's riding honours went to Welsh champion rider John Mathias, who chalked-up his 200th winner when winning the opening subscribers and farmers race on the odds-on *Qalinas*, who led four fences from home to score by five lengths from *Fair*

Duchess (Richard Patrick). Mathias' wins include 17 under rules.

He also won the open maiden race on *Glenteeneasaigh* and the restricted race on Princess Tina.

Richard Patrick had his first ever double when taking the maiden conditions race on Steve Hadley's six-year-old grey mare *Goodnight Charlie* and the veteran and novice riders' race on the Mickey Bowen-trained *Cygnat*.

Goodnight Charlie, a 10-1 shot, won by three lengths from *Pink Eyed Pedro* (Byron Moorcroft) and *Cygnat*, the odds-on favourite, made all the running to win by a distance from *Highly Unlikely* (Lorcan Williams).

Bradley Gibbs, who has been in cracking form of late, won the mixed open race on his girlfriend Claire Sheriff's *See U Again Son*, who took up the running six fences from home to win by three lengths from the legendary *Rosies Peacock* (John Mathias), who had to give a large amount of weight away owing to the conditions of the race.

I have never been a fan of mixed open races and would much prefer to see a men's open and a ladies' open race on the card.

Mixed open races rarely attract more than one or two females and I think they are a waste of time; and the fact that this race was over two-and-a-half miles instead of the usual three miles makes little sense to me - let me know what you think.

It was nice to see Sirrel Griffiths, the trainer of the 1990 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner *Norton's Coin*, and top trainer Peter Bowen and his two sons Mickey and Sean and the rest of his family, in attendance. Also, Bert Lavis and Barry Thomas and a number of other trainers and riders, too many to mention, that I have written about over the past 50 years.

The first pony race was won by Lily Llewellyn, aged 13, who rode her *Fairfield Run* to success over the fancied *Tealson Topic* and the second by Connor Brace, aged 14, who, riding *Dont Tell Dai*, beat *Captain Hurricane*, partnered by Jessica Llewellyn.

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BRIAN LEE

'Sorry' end to season for the Barry Chess Club

THE season is drawing to a very sorry end for the Barry Chess Club.

In the top division the Bosons and Camelots played their final games of the season. There was also a game for the Gambits in division 4 and the sixth round of the Welsh Premier League.

From these four encounters we could only manage a draw and three defeats.

The Bosons were perhaps surprisingly beaten by the Pontypridd Barbarians. Matthew Davies was our only winner and, with a draw from Steve Cunliffe, gave us 1.5 points from five boards. This means we finish the season on 51.5 points.

In most other divisions a score in excess of 50 points would almost certainly mean promotion. However in the top division, such is the difference in quality between the top and the bottom, 50 points is no more than a par score.

When all the matches have been played we expect to finish fourth but a long way from champions Cardiff Castles. This will be their 14th title since Barry were champions in 2001.

The Camelots travelled to Bridgend to take on the Bridgend Central Rockets. Both of these teams were already relegated before the match started.

Again we lost this match but with a better score of 2-3, Chris Green had a good victory and he was supported by Martin Ricketts and John Stephenson who both drew their games. The Camelots will hope to be more competitive next season in division 2.

The Gambits in the bottom division played host to Bridgend B. This was our closest encounter of the week and ended in a draw.

Ken Curry earned a quick victory and David Jones had a good quick draw. The match rested on the shoulders of Dave Mahoney who duly

responded to defeat Andrew Worthington in one of the longest matches of the night to secure our draw. This was the first point for the Gambits this year!

This round of games included a first outing for the Bosons for Stephen Bonutto and I played my first game of the season for the Gambits.

While neither of us bothered the scorers, we have become the only players this season to play a match for all four of the Barry teams.

In the Welsh Premier League it has been a season to forget for the Vale. For the second match running we defaulted board six making it difficult to earn anything from the game.

Our opponents, Abergavenny, were last year's champions and are showing no sign of relinquishing their title. We were demolished 5-1 with only draws for Nigel Ralphs and James Thomas to show for our efforts.

Their is only one round of games remaining in which we will be playing the current bottom team, East Nomads. We need to at least halve the match to keep us off the bottom of the table.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

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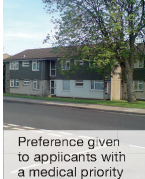
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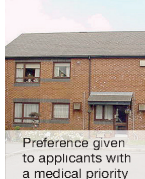
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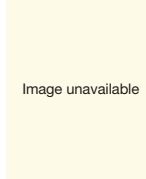
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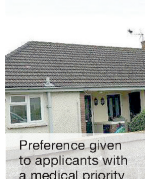
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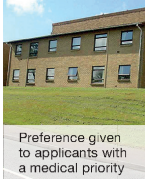
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Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Thursday May 5, service 10.30am at St Athan Church followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 12 noon. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Milsom House c/o J James, 11 Fommon Road, Rhosce, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

COBOURNE

David

Sadly David died on Thursday, 21 April 2016 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. He had not been in the best of health for some time. Loved by Mary, his wife, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and family.

The funeral will be held at 2.45pm on Thursday, 5 May at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. Family and close friends only please. Donations if you wish to Cowbridge Physic Garden Trust Limited.

(www.cowbridgephysicgarden.org.uk).

HAYLES

Keith James

It is with great sadness that Dean and David announce the death of Keith, who passed away suddenly at home on the April 22.

Funeral details to follow, any enquiries to Lyndsay Ellis on 01446 407962.

THOMAS

Patricia Edwina

Peacefully on Friday, April 15 at home. Much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral service at St. Bridget's Church, St. Brides Major on Friday, May 6 at 2pm, followed by interment. Family flowers only, donations in lieu can be sent to the British Heart Foundation.

Enquiries to JR & MF David - 01656 880308.

HATHERALL

Herbert Charles

Passed peacefully away at the Princess of Wales hospital. Beloved husband of Ann, loving brother-in-law of Kath, John, Colin and Hilary, loving Uncle to his nieces in Australia and their families.

The funeral will be held at Holy Cross Church at 1pm, May 3, followed by interment at Llanblethian Church. Flowers may be sent to Thomas Bros, Greengate, Ewenny Road, St. Brides Major.

HOLT

Joan Mary

Peacefully on April 21 at UHW, Cardiff, after a short illness, Joan, aged 94 years, of Rhosce. Dearly loved mother and grandmother.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Friday, May 6, service 12.45pm at St Peters Church, Rhosce, followed by cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 2pm.

Family flowers only may be sent to the funeral home, donations in lieu, if desired, may be sent to Alzheimers Disease Society c/o J James, 11 Fommon Road, Rhosce, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

GRIFFITHS

James Howell

Peacefully on Tuesday, 19 April at Penybont Court, Ewenny. James Howell Griffiths, loving husband to Mair, father of Sara, Susan, Charlotte and Hywel. Grandfather of Keirina, Siobhan, Rhys, Rhodri, Sian, Rachel, Anna, Ben and respected father-in-law of Ian, Nigel, Graham and Christa.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, Llantwit Major, until the funeral in St. Illtud's Church on Friday, 6 May at 12 noon followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 1.15pm.

Family flowers only, but donations, if desired may be sent to one of the following charities - ABF Soldiers Charity, Ty Hafan Children's Hospice or Dementia U.K. c/o the Funeral Home (Cheques only).

Family Notices

DANDO

Margaret Marie 'Glesni'

Peacefully on the 13th April 2016 at Brocastle Manor Care Home, aged 94 years. Much loved mum to Glesni and John, grandmother and great grandmother.

Resting at Rosemount Funeral Home. Funeral service in Coychurch Crematorium on 3rd May 2016 at 1.45pm. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to Glesni Jones for the purchase of equipment for Brocastle home.

All further enquiries to Rosemount Funeral Home, 19 Coychurch Road, Bridgend, CF31 3AP. Tel: 01656 653156.

HOWES

Deirdre (Delia)

Peacefully on April 20 at Llandough Hospital - Delia, devoted wife of the late John. Much loved mum of Jonathan, Susan and Margaret. Special mother-in-law to David and Tammy. Cherished nan to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting at the Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until her service at St Helens RC Church, Barry on Friday, May 6 at 1pm, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

"Reunited with John"

Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

DUFFIELD

Jim

Oh so very loved by his wife Tricia, his daughters Deborah and Nicola and our family and friends. Grateful thanks to Dr Lee Roberts-Jones and staff at Cowbridge and Vale Medical Practice for their kindness and support.

Funeral service to be held at St Senwyn's Church, Llansannor, CF71 7RX on Wednesday, May 4th at 2.30pm. No flowers by request. Donations if desired may be made to Heart Research Wales or Velindre Fundraising, Velindre Cancer Centre, Cardiff, CF14 2TL.

All enquiries to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE. Tel (029) 2051 4627.

GEORGE

Mary

Peacefully on April 19 at Princess of Wales hospital, much loved wife of the late Gren, beloved mam of Gareth and Sharon, devoted nan to Rhodri, Marc, Emma and the late Matthew. Cremation on Friday, May 6, at 12pm, at Bridgend Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to Stroke association. Enquiries to Thomas Bros. 01446 775681.

TOTTLE

Irene Evelyn
(1937 - 2016)

Irene passed away on Friday, 22 April 2016. The funeral is on Friday, 6 May in Coychurch Crematorium at 11.30am, afterwards refreshments will be provided at The Mountain Hare in Brynna. If you would like to bring flowers that is up to you, but Irene would prefer a donation to Cancer Research. Dress code, what you think Irene would have approved of.

HOPKINS

David

Sadly passed away on April 13 at the University Hospital of Wales, David, aged 84 years, of Barry. Dad to Sheila, Sue, Clive, Barry and Neil.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Gladstone Road, Barry until the service at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Wednesday, May 4, at 2pm. Family flowers only please, donations, if wished, may be forwarded to the funeral director for the British Heart Foundation.

Birthdays

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To whom it may concern: We, Beyond the Border Storytelling Festival Ltd, do hereby give notice that we have applied to the Licensing Authority at the Vale of Glamorgan Council for a new Premises License at Edwards Field, Atlantic College Estate, St Donats Castle, Vale of Glamorgan, CF61 1WF.

The application is to:

- Provide regulated entertainment in the form of live music, recorded music, performances of dance, plays and films 1000 - 0100
- Late Night Refreshment 1000 - 0100
- Supply alcohol 1000 - 0100
- Opening Hours 0930 - 0100. From 30th June 2016 to the 4th July 2016.

Any persons wishing to make representations to this application may do so in writing to the Licensing Department, Vale of Glamorgan Council Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU, not later than 28 Days after the date of this Notice. A copy of the application can be viewed at the civic offices during normal office hours.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application, the maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000. Dated 22nd April 2016. Charity No. 1144275

LICENSING ACT 2003

I, Ram Singh of Ogmere Restaurant & Bar, High St, Ogmere Vale, Bridgend, CF32 7AF. Hereby give notice I have applied under S17 Licensing and in accordance with S12 Licensing Act 2003 for a Premises Licence for the above mentioned premises, namely For the Sale and Supply of Alcohol - Mon-Sun 10:00 - 01:00; Regulated Entertainment, namely Live Music, Recorded Music, Performances of dance, Anything of a similar description Mon-Sun 01:00 - 01:00; Entertainment Facilities, namely Making music, Dancing, Entertainment of a similar description Mon-Sun 10:00 - 01:00; For Late Night Refreshment Mon-Sun 23:00 - 01:00.

Any person wishing to make a representation regarding the application must do so in writing to, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB Tel: 01656 643643. Text Relay: 18001 01656 643643. Fax: 01656 668126

Email: talktous@bridgend.gov.uk

Sign Video BSL Live not later than 13th May 2016

A copy of the application may be inspected during normal business hours it is an offence, liable on conviction to a fine up to level 5 on the standard scale, under section 158 of the licensing act 2003 to make a false statement in or in connection with this application.

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Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2016/00142/FUL
Proposal/Cynning: Proposed 2 New Build Houses
Location/Lleoliad: Land adjacent to the Old Dairy Site, Durell Street, Llantwit Major

Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Llantwit Major

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2016/00258/FUL
Proposal/Cynning: Proposed 3 no. of detached dwellings
Location/Lleoliad: Court Farm, Bonvilston
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Bonvilston

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2016/00314/FUL
Proposal/Cynning: Replacement windows and alteration works
Location/Lleoliad: Flat 2, Rectory Court, Rectory Road, Penarth
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Penarth

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2016/00343/FUL
Proposal/Cynning: Erection of a side dormer, replacement of front dormer and replacement of front boundary supporting wall after partial collapse
Location/Lleoliad: Ty Twyn, Mill Road, Dinas Powys
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Dinas Powys

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2016/00355/FUL
Proposal/Cynning: Construction of nursing home-revised design and car parking
Location/Lleoliad: Crystal Springs, Coldbrook Road East, Barry
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Affecting the Cadoxton Conservation Area

Affecting the Cadoxton Conservation Area Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2016/00171/LBC
Proposal/Cynning: Proposed alterations to existing house and outbuildings
Location/Lleoliad: Keeperes Cottage, Porthkerry Road, Rhooose
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar lleoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2016/00170/FUL
Proposal/Cynning: Proposed alterations to existing house and outbuildings
Location/Lleoliad: Keeperes Cottage, Porthkerry Road, Rhooose
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting Keeperes Cottage, Grade II

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2016/00355/FUL
Proposal/Cynning: Construction of nursing home-revised design and car parking
Location/Lleoliad: Crystal Springs, Coldbrook Road East, Barry
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting No. 1 Coldbrook Road East (The Old Schoolhouse), St. Cadocs Church, Cadoxton, Grade

II* and Cross in Churchyard of St. Cadocs Church, Grade II

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2016/00369/OUT
Proposal/Cynning: Demolition of part demolished, fire damaged and derelict former C1 residential buildings. Construction of 15 no. link dwellings (40% affordable), and the conversion of the existing chapel into a dwelling and the retention/extension of the caretaker's bungalow
Location/Lleoliad: St. Athan Boys Village, St. Athan
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting the memorial at St. Athan Boys Village, Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest / Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2016/00115/OUT
Proposal/Cynning: Ground plus 4 storey new build proposal to provide 44 affordable housing units
Location/Lleoliad: Land at Cogan Hill, Penarth

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2016/00355/FUL
Proposal/Cynning: Construction of nursing home-revised design and car parking
Location/Lleoliad: Crystal Springs, Coldbrook Road East, Barry

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Location/Lleoliad: St. Athan Boys Village, St. Athan

May affect a Public Right of Way/ Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2016/00386/FUL
Proposal/Cynning: Construction of detached four bedroom dwelling house with integral double garage, plus associated driveway
Location/Lleoliad: Dimlands Road, St. Donats

Departure from Development Plan/ Gwyo o'r Cynllun Datblygu

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Location/Lleoliad: St. Athan Boys Village, St. Athan

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Dated / Dyddiedig: 28 April, 2016

M. Goldsworthy
Operational Manager Development & Building Control,
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

Student plans to return home to tackle Ebola

A STUDENT who arrived in the UK from Sierra Leone in the midst of the 2014 Ebola outbreak has not only completed his International Baccalaureate (IB) studies, but been awarded scholarship offers to US universities and a grant to return home to combat Ebola stigmatisation.

Abu Bakarr (22), hails from Northern Sierra Leone and has spent the last year and half studying at UWC Atlantic College, the international residential sixth form college based in St Donat's.

At UWC Atlantic College, there are more than 350 students from over 90 countries. Upon his arrival, he spoke only broken English picked up in high school, having spoken Creole at home his entire life.

After graduating from high school in Sierra Leone in 2012, Abu joined Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO), and was subsequently encouraged to apply for a place at Atlantic College, who have close links with the organisation.

Today, Abu is preparing to graduate from the IB Certificate Programme in the summer. Having worked closely with the college's English department and University admissions team, he is weighing up scholarship offers from Wartburg

College in Iowa, Methodist University in North Carolina and Westminster College in Missouri to study business.

Abu's time in Wales has had a profound effect of his life today, but he almost missed the opportunity to start at the UWC Atlantic College altogether.

Visa restrictions around the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa meant he could only arrive a month into the academic year.

As an UWC Atlantic College student, Abu's time was split equally between his IB studies and co-curricular activities. These activities are grouped into one of four faculties – environmental, global, social justice and outdoor.

Abu chose to join the social justice faculty, which sees students working within their local communities to aid refugees, the elderly, children from disadvantaged home backgrounds, and children and adults with mental and physical disabilities.

Abu believes that his passion for volunteering has made his co-curricular work to be one of the most rewarding aspects of his time at UWC Atlantic College.

Recently, he was awarded the college's GoMAD grant – a £1,000 donation that gives students an opportunity to make a real-world difference and put into practice the ideals of UWC. Abu will use the



Abu Bakarr at UWC Atlantic College.

grant to return to Sierra Leone in July, immediately after his final IB exams to help combat Ebola stigmatisation.

West African children who have lost one or both of their parents to Ebola are often bullied by peers and cast aside by elders. Abu intends to combat this mentality by working with local media and stakeholders to change the way these children are viewed and treated.

He will fly to the US to start college immediately after this summer work, but his long term plan is to return to his homeland and continue his aid work.

He said: "After university I will go back home and work to bring about a change in the society. I'm passionate about doing something meaningful – that's my dream and what I am praying for. I am bit nervous about starting university so far from home, but I am sure my college experience will see me through the difficulties."

John Walmsley, principal at UWC Atlantic College, said: "Abu embodies the true nature of what we at UWC Atlantic College seek to inspire. We believe that education can be a true force for peace in our world, and we seek to instil this in each of our students."

"As a VSO scholar, who intends to return home to help those in real need, Abu is a true example of this ethos in action. It is even more rewarding to know that the GoMAD grant that will finance his aid work in Sierra Leone was itself created funded by UWC Atlantic College alumna."

The GoMAD project was first set up in 2001 by former UWC Atlantic College student Jill Longson (class of 81) and Colin Hagood. This year marks the first year that applications were expanded from UWC Atlantic College students to pupils from all 15 UWC Colleges around the world.



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THE VALE FOOTBALL LEAGUE ROUND-UP

CARDIFF Airport left rivals St Athan shocked and stunned as they were victorious in the big Premier Division title clash with a resounding 5-0 thumping away win.

The victory moves Airport into second place level on points with new league leaders Wenvoe who have played a game more.

Wenvoe secured a 4-2 win over Cowbridge Town to move top on goal difference but Cardiff Airport and St Athan each have a game in hand.

Airport can clinch a second successive Premier Division title by winning their final two games of the season, both against Dinas Powys

Athletic, this week.

Elsewhere in the Premier Division SP Construction won the battle of the bottom two 3-2 against Island Marine - the result sees SP leapfrog Penarth Town into ninth place.

The ASRS Cup semi-finals were finally played this past weekend.

Dinas Powys Athletic booked their place in the final with an emphatic 4-0 victory over Barry Athletic in somewhat of an upset.

They will face Penarth Town, who defeated the out of form AFC Rhose 2-1 to set up the Jenner Park historic ASRS Cup showpiece final.

In Division One leaders Cogan Coronation inched closer to the title with a 6-2 win against AFC Rhose B; Sully won 5-1 against Cardiff Airport B to stay

two points behind but having played two games more.

Vale United dropped valuable points in their promotion push as they were held 1-1 by Cadoxton Barry.

Barry Belgrade's poor run of results continued as they were thrashed 4-0 by FC Pumas, making it four defeats in a row in all competitions. Bottom side BV were edged out 3-2 by Cadoxton Athletic.

In Division Two the title race looks to be going to the wire.

Leaders Barry Athletic B notched a 5-1 win over FC Pumas B to stay five points ahead of Dockers,

who recorded a 2-1 victory over Penarth Town B.

Dockers, however, have two games in hand. Third place Cadoxton Imps put daylight between them and Knap by routing them 7-1, although again Knap have two games in hand.

Finally, Island Marine B won 4-2 over bottom side Barry Albion.

This weekend we will know the destination of the Premier Division title ahead of the Barry Cup final on Sunday - Cardiff Airport will face Wenvoe in what promises to be a classic at Jenner Park.

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The Barry and District Ladies Skittle League results round-up

LATEST results for the Barry and District Ladies Skittle League for April 11:

First division: SV Gals (J Richards 33) 316; Colcot Ladies (S Howcraft 30) 287; Special Angels (L Peace 28) 265; Breakaways (C Parfitt 27) 251; Space Finders (E Worthy 32) 310; Barry Stars (W Phillips 36) 349; Bakers Dozen (M Western 30) 282; Family and Friends (G Loveless 30) 285; Cigar Ladies (Aimee McCarthy, L Webb 28) 285; Castle Bandits (B Evans, C Kerslake, J Grant 27) 284; Allsorts (L Thomas 29) 270; Bobby's Girls (G Togood, A Seldon, S Seldon 27) 259.

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The next meeting at the Cadoxton Conservative Club will be the secretary's meeting on May 9.

Duo represent Wales in Cup competition



AIDEN Lewis and Alex Long are going to represent Wales in the UEFA Regions Cup in San Marino.

The pair, along with their coach Jimmy Blackie, who play for Sully Sports FC, have been representing the South Wales Football Association in a knockout tournament against west Wales with the winners going on to play the winners of a similar play-off in north

Wales.

The winners of that game were north east Wales, and the final took place at Newtown FC on Saturday, April 23.

South Wales took control of the game and ran out comfortable winners, 3-0, with Aiden and Alex playing influential roles in midfield and attack. All three will now go on to San Marino to represent Wales against the hosts, Greece and Kazakhstan in June.

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Centurions get the season under way

AFTER missing last week's opening pre-season friendly matches due to the weather, Sully Centurions finally got the 2016 season underway with a home victory over Cregiau.

The visitors won the toss and decided to bowl, with Sully's captain for the day, Santosh Singh, hitting a fine 78, which included 11 boundaries and two sixes.

Tary Dhanjal hit a nice 35 before Bharat carved out a century, including 9 fours and 4 sixes that put Centurions in the driving seat. The total of 285 was reached for the loss of six

wickets.

In response, Cregiau reached 134 for the loss of three wickets in the 30th over, with openers Taylor and Callum both hitting half centuries.

Unfortunately for the visitors, the Centurions' bowlers managed to put a stranglehold on the Cregiau batsmen and at the end of the 40 overs, and Cregiau only managed 196 for 4. The wickets were shared between the Centurions bowlers.

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Centurions are due to play Newbridge this week, with the following week being the start of the league season.

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Tae Kwon Do stars impress

FOLLOWING on from her double gold success at the Ultimate 1-1 in January, athlete Ruth May and coach Master Paul Jones headed to the Yorkshire 1-1 in Bradford in early February.

Ruth's first match was up against a heavier girl, who Ruth had fought and defeated two years ago in a close final. Ruth dominated from the very start, scoring two body strong shots within the first five seconds.

With the score at 5-0 at the end of the first round, Paul instructed Ruth to practice some new techniques during the next two rounds, including some headshots which very narrowly missed and several powerful back kicks, registering just below the required threshold but clearly hurting her opponent.

Ruth was comfortably awarded gold having not conceded a single point, with the final score at 9-0.

Ruth's second match up was against GB player Leah Moorby, who is a world medallist and double European medallist.

A slight confusion with matches being moved meant that Ruth found herself being called to ringside before she had even kitted up, let alone warmed up.

Having been unbeaten in the UK for nearly four years, Moorby was confident in attack and took advantage of Ruth's lack of a warm up and led comfortably at the end of the first round.

During the second round, Ruth began to work tactically around Moorby's fast front leg attack and appeared to land a three point axe kick to the back of Moorby's headguard.

However, the judges ruled that Moorby had instead landed at reverse headshot at the time of Ruth's attack, giving her the points needed to win.

In March, both Ruth and team mate Bethany Burt, who claimed gold and

silver at the Ultimate 1-1, competed at the Ultimate Championships in Barnsley.

Bethany was the first match on in her first junior open at a higher weight, having moved up from the Cadet category.

A tough draw found her up against a GB junior who had competed at both the Cadet European and World Championships last year.

A tight opening round saw Bethany's opponent lead 2-0, scoring two straightforward body shots. During the second round, both girls appeared to connect to the head simultaneously; however it was ruled that only Bethany's opponent had connected and Beth found herself 5-0 down.

Determined to fight back, Bethany managed to score a three point headshot to bring the score to 5-3 and followed it up with another very close face kick, narrowly missing.

Unfortunately, having been unwell the week prior to the championships, Bethany found herself fatiguing towards the end of the third round and eventually bowed out to the GB girl in the quarter finals.

Ruth made it to the final where she faced Leah Moorby once again. In a very much more relaxed and controlled fight, Ruth pressured Moorby with a variety of back kicks, head kicks and body shots, in particular a four point reverse headshot which very narrowly missed and a strong side kick which knocked her opponent off her feet.

However, experience shone through in a fight that was very tightly contested for all three rounds, despite the final result which left Ruth with silver after a very much improved performance against a world class player.



Ruth May, Bethany Burt and Master Paul Jones.

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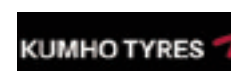
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Barry RFC whitewash Gwernyfed

BARRY RFC got the show back on the road with a comprehensive victory over visitors Gwernyfed last Saturday, a result which moves them to fourth in the table.

Early exchanges gave the visitors the advantage as they sought to keep the game open with a series of attacks that demanded a solid defence from the home side.

But it was Barry who had the first chance to open the scoring with a penalty that sailed just wide, quickly followed by a second chance which was converted by Barros to earn an early lead.

The game was lacking scoring opportunities with both defences on top until a break from a lineout by Scott was fed to Perry who found W. Jones on his inside to split the defence and race in from some 50 metres to score a good try, with the boot of Barros adding the extras for a 10 point lead.

The visitors maintained their tactics of keeping the game open and, with their scrum causing the Barry eight some problems, were asking serious questions of the Barry defence, but were hindered in their lack of a cutting edge from their backline.

Finally Barry broke out of this cycle with breaks of their own which threatened, only to be wasted due to the final pass going astray.

Barry were not to be denied - a lineout drive ended just short but was recycled and spread wide to find Oaten in space to cross wide out. With the conversion missed the score moved

to 15-0 as half-time arrived.

On the restart, with Barry now playing with the slope, the visitors were forced onto the defensive as a mixture of clever tactical kicking and good interpassing saw them struggle and concede penalties in their 22.

Unable to drive over, Barry took a lineout and good swift handling saw Adams cross for a try which was converted by Scott for a 22-0 lead.

As hard as they tried the visitors were unable to hold Barry at this stage and further scores looked inevitable.

Williams and White came on for the injured Hadfield and Barros as another break from Scott, together with clever sleight of hand, confused the visitors with the pass finding W. Jones to cross for his second try of the afternoon, converted by Scott, to take the score to 29-0.

Barry were totally in control at this stage and only brave defence kept the visitors' line intact.

Further substitutions saw O'Sullivan, Such and Ryan enter the fray as Barry attacked at every opportunity.

The visitors to their credit still tried to attack on the rare occasion and a lineout drive saw them nearly cross the line, only to concede a penalty.

A loose ball found Barry on the attack again with Adams unlucky not to score. Again the ball was moved quickly to find space for Ryan to cross, with Scott again successful with the conversion.

Straight from the kick off Barry went on the attack which again saw Adams nearly through, but Barry kept possession for White to cross for the last try of

the game which went unconverted for a final score of 41-0

After the disappointment of the previous two games it was good to see Barry get that out of their system and return to something like their best as, while the score may not reflect it, they were made to work hard for this result against a durable Gwernyfed side who never made it easy.

The next home fixture is May 7 for a local derby against Dinas Powys, and we end the season away at Club Rygbi on May 11 before our final game at home to promotion favourites Dowlais on May 14.

On the broader rugby front, the club are delighted to announce that the coaching team of John Bryant, Liam Scott and Rhydian Scott are to remain in place for next season, a decision I'm sure welcomed by players and supporters alike.

Last week's lottery numbers were 4, 8, 9 and 14, and with no winners the next jackpot will be £1,860.

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Ladies receive international tennis call-up



Julie Collins (left) and Freda Emery.

TWO ladies from Dinas Powys Tennis Club have been honoured by being selected to represent Wales in the 2016 Four Nations seniors international competition held this year in Wrexham at the end of the month.

They will be competing against international players representing England, Scotland and Ireland.

Julie Collins will captain the over-55s ladies age group and Freda Emery will compete in the over-60s age group.

Both players are delighted and proud to be representing Wales in such a prestigious

competition

The ladies are held in high esteem within the tennis club and are well respected throughout south Wales as outstanding and consistent players.

Both team together when playing for Dinas Powys to form a formidable partnership in the regional summer and veterans winter doubles leagues.

Julie and Freda also play throughout the UK representing south Wales at county level.

Dinas Powys Tennis Club and its members, together with the families of both players, wish them every success throughout the seniors international competition.

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Dinas Powys FC grab well-earned win over basement boys Chepstow Town

DINAS POWYS FC's win against the bottom team in Division 2, Chepstow Town, plus Penrhinweiber losing meant that Dinas jumped up a place in the table to 14th.

The home side started well and were pressing for the first few minutes. A good cross by Reuben Bryl from the right was just too close to Chepstow's keeper Simon Martin, who gathered the ball. Then Dinas centre-back Nathan Donnelly rode three tackles to eventually win an unproductive throw-in.

Dinas were then caught napping and Jacques Tertas found himself one on one with James Curtin but his shot was weak and Curtin took it easily. Bryl was having some success down the right hand side and another cross reached Myles Case, but he had to hook his shot and it was just wide.

However, Dinas got the opener on 14 minutes when Adam Johns played Bryl in and he hit a superb shot just inside the right post, giving Martin no chance to make the save.

The visitors raised their game, winning two successive corners, but the Dinas centre-back pairing of Donnelly and James Bloxham were in good form despite the fact that Chepstow are a big side with several players well over 6ft tall, and the danger was cleared.

Dinas began to press again and a shot by midfielder James Marr was blocked, the ball falling to Bryl, who had to hurry his shot which went wide.

Chepstow were then awarded a free kick on the halfway line taken by Ian Turner but again Donnelly cleared the danger. Myles Case then drove into the Chepstow box, and squared the ball to Johns, but his shot cleared the bar from 18 yards.

Chepstow had another chance from another free kick by Turner which reached Tertas, but his header was well over the Dinas crossbar.

Curtin had to rush out of his box a couple of times to clear some onrushing attacks by the Chepstow forwards. Johns then drove through on his own down the left but was chopped down just outside the Chepstow box.

The free kick won Dinas a corner which Martin took and this proved to be the last action of the first half except for Tertas getting a yellow card for something said to the referee. Dinas deserving of their lead.

Both sides had half-chances early in the second half but the only shot came from Chepstow's John Watson which cleared the Dinas crossbar by a long way.

Dinas could not seem to get the ball down and play to their strengths early on and the big Chepstow midfielders and strikers were winning the aerial

battle.

Just 10 minutes into the half Liam Head crossed to Tertas to head home the equaliser. The visitors were gaining the initiative after this and Dinas decided to ring the changes, as left back Paul Caulfield was replaced by Luke Garland with 25 minutes remaining.

This had the desired affect and a minute later a through ball by Case put Johns through on goal - he drove into the box but was fouled from behind, the referee pointing straight to the penalty spot.

Johns took the spot kick and sent Martin the wrong way to give Dinas the lead again. Chepstow then made a substitution, Tyrone Herbert being replaced by Tom Barry.

The visitors rallied again and Curtin had to make two good saves. Dinas then made another substitution, Luke Swaffield replacing the hard-working right back Sam Adamson with 17 minutes left.

Chepstow still looked dangerous at times, winning a couple of corners from the left, but Dinas withstood the pressure and began to take the initiative again.

A free kick by Bloxham reached Kieron James who played Bryl in but he shot straight at Martin for an easy take.

With seven minutes to go James Perret was introduced for Case and Chepstow seemed to lose their discipline with Jago, Nathan Murphy and Watson all being shown yellow cards for things said to the referee.

Despite some eight minutes of extra time being played by the referee, Dinas were well in control at this stage and deserved the 2-1 win.

Squad: 1 James Curtin, 2 Sam Adamson, 3 Paul Caulfield, 4 James Bloxham, 5 Nathan Donnelly (c), 6 Nicky Bruce, 7 Reuben Bryl (1), 8 James Marr, 9 Adam Johns (1), 10 Myles Case, 11 Kieran James, 12 Luke Swaffield, 14 James Perret, 15 Luke Garland.

Pontardawe Town are the visitors to the Murch on April 30, with a 2.30pm kick off. **PK**

Barry and District men's skittles league

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49'ers (M.Gould 32) 290, Ex-Servicemen (C.Dawkins 33) 302; Blue Monkey (D.Drown 27) 258, Colcot Boys (J.McAnn 27) 262; Hairys Lemons (S.Linney 29) 298, Ex-servicemen (C.Dawkins 30) 271; Mighty Dockers (M.Conway 25) 256, Bunker Boys (R.Bennett, A.Jeynes, K.Jeynes 24) 242; The Merryman (A.Buckland, A.Pearce 30) 314, BP Breakaways (J.Rees 28) 276; Sea View (R.Incedon 30) 304, Geest (J.Hawkins 36) 365.

Division 2:

'H'Bells (C.White 28) 267, Posties (A.Bannister 8) 284; Park Lads (R.White, D.Lambert 24) 237, Abercree (J.Neweton 31) 285; The

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Billy Bluebirds D.Williams 25) 263, Up the Mariner (T.Harris 28) 243; British Rail (B.Smith 33) 282, Billy Bluebirds (R.Caisnail, A.James 31) 308; C.U.D. (B.Rees 29) 252, West End Fliers (J.Gill 28) 265; Mariner Vikings (M.Burrows, S.Gaant 23) 231, British Rail (T.Hill 29) 266; Up The Mariner (T.Harris 24) 246, Billy Whizz C.Aldridge 29) 279.

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